Gloria draws heavy flak for 'holiday economics'

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RP-US games legal, says Supreme Court

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE SUPREME Court yesterday ruled in favor of Balikatan 02-1, saying that President Macapagal-Arroyo did not commit "grave abuse of discretion" in allowing the deployment of American troops in Mindanao.

Voting 10-3, the Supreme Court said

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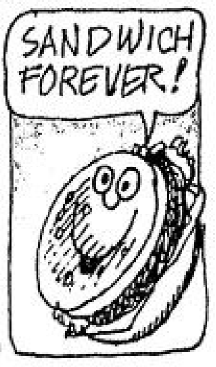
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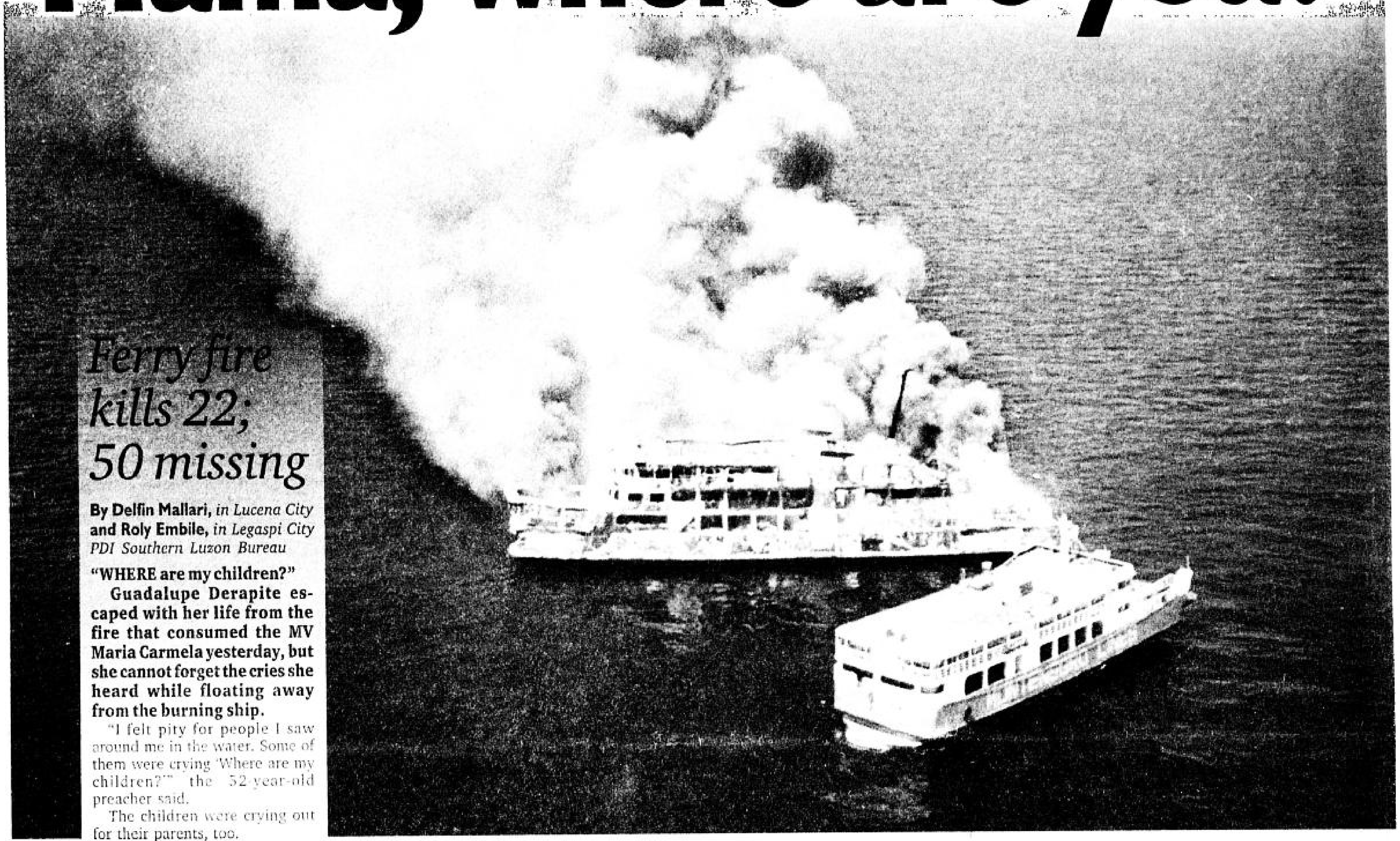
'Mama, where are you?'



Ferry fire kills 22; 50 missing

By Delfin Mallari, *in Lucena City*
and Roly Embile, *in Legaspi City*
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

"WHERE are my children?"

Guadalupe Derapite escaped with her life from the fire that consumed the MV Maria Carmela yesterday, but she cannot forget the cries she heard while floating away from the burning ship.

"I felt pity for people I saw around me in the water. Some of them were crying 'Where are my children?'" the 52-year-old preacher said.

The children were crying out for their parents, too.

After Inocencio Salubre grabbed a life jacket and jumped into the sea with his son, he saw a nightmarish scene. "There were many people in the water and there were many children among them. They were all shouting for help.

"I prayed, 'Lord, save me, save my son' . . . My son was crying, 'Mama, where are you, Mama?"

As of presstime, Salubre's wife and daughter remained among the 50 or so missing in the country's latest sea disaster.

At least 22 people were killed after a fire broke out aboard the ship, about one hour away from its destination, Lucena City.

Passengers fought each other

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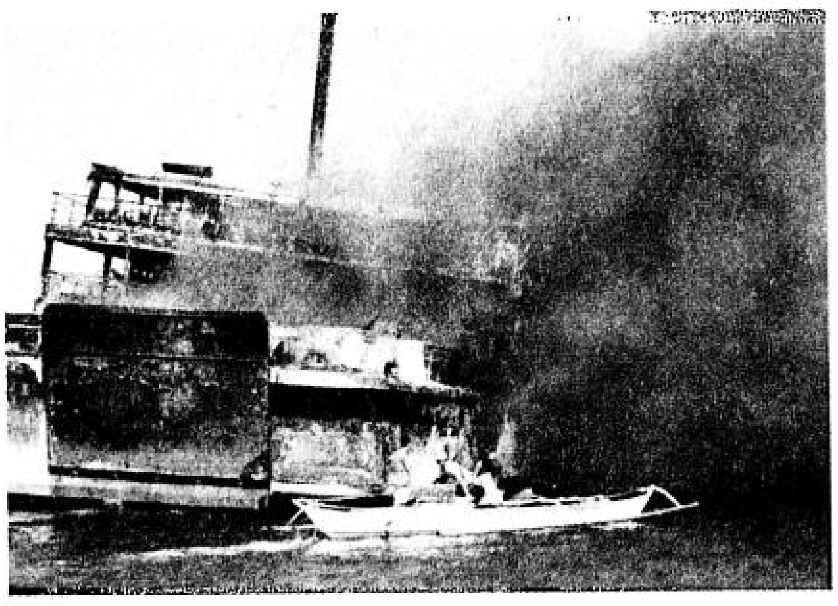

"SUDDENLY, there were fires from below and we just jumped into the sea," recounts a survivor who was one of 243 passengers aboard the cargo/passenger ship MV Maria Carmela which caught fire off the coast of Pagbilao, Quezon Province (above and at far left). SURVIVOR Corazon Valler (at left) is in for a long stay at the Quezon Memorial Hospital in Lucena City.

Pulse Asia survey says GMA rating in Metro up

By Juliet Javellana

A DAY after one survey firm showed a fall in the President's approval rating, she received the perfect pick-me-up: another polling company found her approval rating had gone up. The same pollster found that a solid majority of Metro Manila residents agreed with the President: it was better for a president to have a high IQ rather than charisma.

But in what could only be described as an unmistakable thumbs down for President Macapagal-Arroyo's current "Ina ng Bayan" image-building campaign, Pulse Asia found that a majority of Metro Manilans either said she was not credible in the role of mother of the nation or that deposed President Joseph Estrada was more credible as a model parent.

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Enraged Sharon snaps at US: Don't push us

JERUSALEM—Enraged by a suicide bombing that killed eight Israelis, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Wednesday that his country was fighting for survival and that the United States should not pressure it to end its now 13-day-old military offensive.

"It's our right to defend our citizens and there should be no pressure put on us not to do that," Sharon said on the eve of a crucial peace mission by US Secretary of State Colin Powell. "I hope our great friend, the United States, understands that this is a war of survival for us."

Sharon said, "the Jewish people have a small country." He added: "This is the only place in the world where the Jewish people have the right to defend themselves, by themselves, and we must preserve that right."

He said the Israeli army was trying to complete its crackdown on Palestinian militant groups in the West Bank "as fast as possible."

"But we have to finish the job," he said, adding that "thousands" of militants were still hiding in the West Bank, and that the Israeli military would not pull out of the Palestinian territories until they stopped posing a threat to Israel's national security.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat said some 500 Palestinians have been killed in the Israeli offensive. But an Israeli military source insisted that the figure was "over 200."

Sharon spoke with reporters while inspecting troops outside the West Bank town of Jenin,

ENRAGED/A20

Arafat hero, saint, prophet to Arab world

JERUSALEM—Yasser Arafat, humiliated by an Israeli flag hanging outside the shell-shattered headquarters he cannot leave and presiding over a Palestinian Authority in shambles, is fast becoming the hero he has not been since returning from exile in 1994.

Israel's two-week-old military campaign to crush the Palestinian militants behind deadly attacks on Israeli civilians seems to have only elevated Arafat's status at home and in the Arab world.

"Arafat is the hero. He's a

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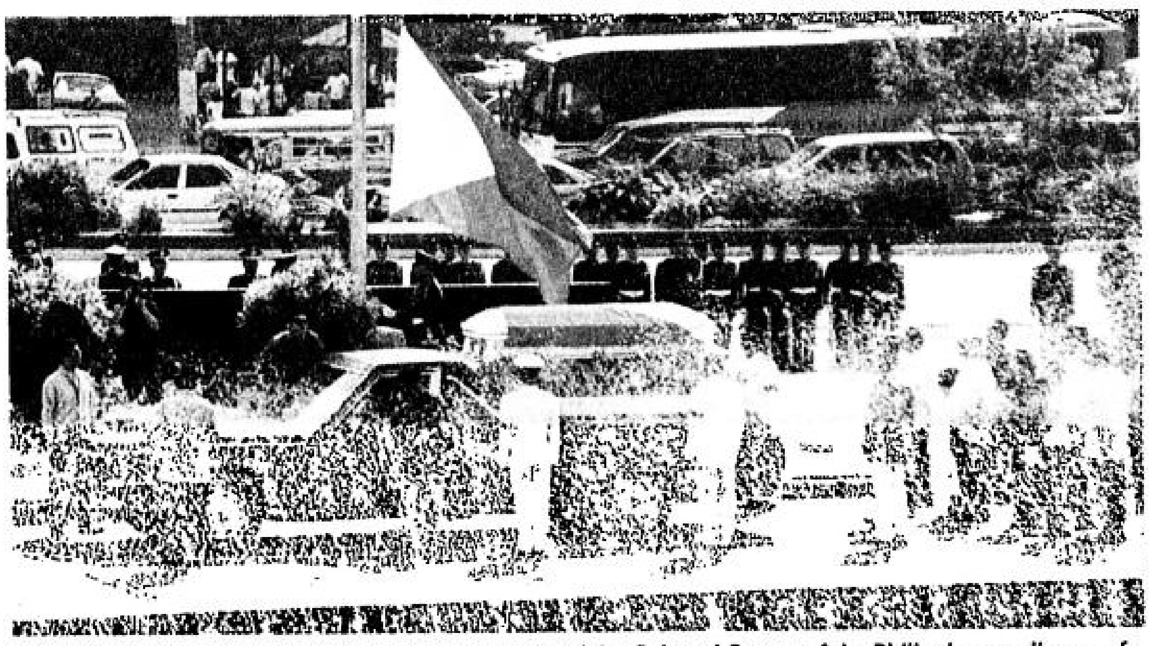

ERIK ARAZAS

A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS: Through the fountain of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, a glimpse of the honors brought upon the late maestro, the National Artist Lucio San Pedro, when his remains arrive for necrological rites prior to a state funeral on Thursday.

Tiglao takes break for six months to teach in Japan

By Carlito Pablo

TO RECHARGE himself intellectually and spiritually, presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao is going on a six-month leave starting Monday to serve as a visiting professor at the Kyoto University in Japan.

His leave-taking has sparked speculation that he is quitting government service.

But Dante Ang, the President's private publicist, said Tiglao is definitely coming back to assume his post as press secretary.

"There is no inside story here.

TIGLAO/A19

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PAANO BA'YAN?

Gloria draws flak on holidays

By Armand Nocum, Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Rocky Nazareno

"WILL YOU change your birth date? Will you celebrate it on a day other than the one you were born on?"

These questions were posed by a young employee of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines who objected strongly to President Macapagal-Arroyo's "holiday economics."

"The President should remember that we just don't celebrate a holiday, but contemplate its religious, social and historical significance," said the CBCP employee, who asked that her name be withheld.

A senior CBCP employee agreed, saying the President had figured the issue of holidays all wrong.

"She's missing the point. People really do want to take time off to observe the significance of certain holidays," she said.

Elsewhere, texters peppered the President with text jokes over her decision to move to Monday or Friday all official holidays that fall in the middle of the week, except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

One message went: "In line w/ GMA's long wknd policy, Labor Day s on 4/29, Independence Day on 6/10 & Xmas Day on 12/23! Pls adjust ur bday accrdingly!"

Malacañang believes, however, that despite the objections, workers would be happy to mark the Labor Day holiday on April 29 instead of May 1.

Press Secretary Rigoberto Tiglao said workers who live far from their workplace would not have to travel in the middle of the week.

May 1, which is observed worldwide as Labor Day, falls on a Wednesday this year. But Malacañang decreed the day will be a regular working day.

It said workers can take their nonworking holiday on April 29, a Monday, so they could enjoy another three-day weekend.

"It's a big deal, especially for those who work in Metro Manila but live in nearby provinces like Batangas and Bulacan," Tiglao said.

Labor groups, however, accused the Palace of belittling the significance of Labor Day.

They suspected Malacañang moved the holiday to prevent the holding of traditional Labor Day rallies and to avoid the commemoration of the pro-Joseph Estrada siege on the Palace on May 1 last year.

Senate President Franklin Drilon said that while he supports the new policy on holidays, Malacañang should draw up an official list of holidays whose dates of commemoration will be moved.

Drilon said the manner by which the changes in holidays was announced "created a lot of confusion, especially in the business and worker sectors."

"These sectors would want to have predictability, especially the export sector, which has schedules to meet," he said.

Former party list representative Renato Magtubo, national chair of Partido Manggagawa, threatened to question the legal basis for the President's holiday economics, saying it violates the Labor Code of Philippines.

Magtubo said changing the dates of holidays is against the law because article 94, section C of the Labor Code stipulates the exact dates of our national holidays.

Magtubo said these holidays cannot be moved by executive proclamation but by an amendment of Congress. ***With Blanche S. Rivera in Manila and Joey A. Gabieta, Jhunnex Napallacan and Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

4 new appeals justices named

By Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has appointed four new associate justices to the Court of Appeals.

They were Mario Guariña III,60, Manila RTC, Danilo Pine, 66, Pasig City judge, Regalado Maambong, 62, former Comelec commissioner, and Edgardo Sundian, 54, Manila RTC.

Their appointment papers were signed by President Macapagal on April 8 and forwarded to the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Yesterday, Press Secretary Rigoberto Tiglao said presidential chief of staff Renato Corona deserved to be appointed to the Supreme Court despite the perception of his bias for the administration.

He said after working with Corona for a year, he found him to be "one of the most qualified candidates" for the SC.

President Macapagal appointed Corona and Court of Appeals presiding justice Ma. Alicia Martinez as SC associate justices on Tuesday.

Labor to hold rally on May 1

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

MILITANT workers vowed yesterday to hold nationwide work stoppages, protest rallies and noise barrages on May 1 to protest President Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of Labor Day as a working holiday.

The Kilusang Mayo Uno said the President's decision to move the celebration of Labor Day to April 29 and her declaration of May 1 as a regular working day was a clear attack on workers, the labor movement and the historical legacy of International Labor Day.

"*Sa Mayo Uno, kakalampagin ng protesta si Gloria, makikita niya ang hinahanap niya*," said Elmer Labog, KMU secretary general. ("On May 1, Gloria is going to be hit by protests. She will find what she is looking for.")

Labog said Malacañang's objective in promoting "holiday economics" is to suppress the people's dissent against the policies of the administration.

"It is more than insulting that the only occasion that recognizes the importance of workers in society, their life and death struggles for their rights and welfare, was absolutely vilified by the President's distorted sense of history," Labog said.

"While we are celebrating the centennial of the militant trade union movement in the Philippines, Macapagal is exerting all efforts to remove Labor Day from the calendar. We firmly believe her actions were highly influenced by the US government's non-recognition of May 1 as Labor Day," Labog said.

He said the workers would not recognize Malacañang's declaration. "We should counter Macapagal's scornful acts against workers with massive demonstrations," he said.

Labor Day was first celebrated in 1886 by workers in Haymarket Square, Chicago, Illinois, who were pressing for the lowering of working hours from 12 to eight daily.

The first May 1 rally in the Philippines was held in 1903 under the leadership of the Union Obrero Democratica, the first labor federation that was founded by Don Isabelo de los Reyes.

The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) said "President Macapagal has only herself to blame if tens of thousands troop back to the streets on May 1 to denounce her for failing to institute reforms and for maintaining some of the worst features of the Estrada regime."

Teodoro Casiño, Bayan secretary general, said the recent drop in Ms Macapagal's approval rating was a prelude of things to come. He said it would not be surprising if organized labor called for the President's resignation or ouster on May 1."

"An array of issues has driven a wedge between her and majority of the people," he said.

The Bayan leader said May 1 is expected to be a day of reckoning for the Macapagal administration.

'Like beating a dead horse'

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government can no longer take to court Speaker Jose de Venecia on the Landoil issue because he was cleared of any wrongdoing by several courts and bodies, and the case had already been decided with finality.

Arturo de Castro, the lawyer who represented De Venecia on the Landoil case in the Sandiganbayan and Supreme Court, stressed that De Venecia was not a party to the compromise agreement between Land Oil Resources Corp. and the PCGG in 1988 and thus, he cannot be charged.

De Castro also said that aside from De Venecia, all other officers and directors of Landoil and Philguarantee cannot be taken to court by the PCGG on the same grounds.

"What they're doing is beating a dead horse," said De Castro in reaction to the PCGG's bid to refile the civil case against Landoil and De Venecia.

The PCGG said the other day it will revive the Landoil case for the company's failure to comply with a 1988 compromise agreement requiring it to transfer to the government $700 million in shares of stock and insurance damage claims to Landoil.

In an interview and a statement later sent to the INQUIRER, De Castro pointed out that the PCGG "are raising the same issues in the media and not through formal letters to Landoil, obviously for political reasons to discredit the Speaker."

This was echoed by Ilocos Norte Rep. Roque Ablan who said in a statement that the PCGG announcement was "unfair, unjust and irresponsible" and that it was "politically motivated."

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PRIEST'S STORY

'They kidnapped me for survival'

By Hernan P. de la Cruz
PDI Mindanao Bureau

PAGADIAN CITY—Freed kidnap victim Fr. Giuseppe Pierantoni said his captors begged for his forgiveness a lot, while rationalizing that they had been forced by circumstances to resort to kidnapping for ransom.

Pierantoni, who spent 171 days in the hands of the Pentagon gang, said his kidnappers told him many times the Qur'an prohibits abductions.

"But they were forced to kidnap by circumstances and they even asked for my forgiveness. They told me that like eating pork, kidnapping is taboo among Muslims," Pierantoni said.

"But if placed in a dying situation with no more to eat, they will be forced to eat pork," he told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

"They are doing kidnap-for-ransom in order to survive," he added.

The Italian priest said his guards were mostly young uneducated Muslims.

"But some of them loved to talk about their religion and Philippine politics," Pierantoni said.

He described his captors as "simple people with simple dreams."

The priest, whose recovery on April 9 sparked questions of whether it was a rescue or a release, said his abduction enlightened him more about the plight of the Muslims in the southern Philippines.

He admitted that on the first night of his captivity, "I felt mad at them (kidnappers)."

Later, he learned to accept his fate and turned to God for guidance.

Pierantoni said he was constantly assured by his captors of his safety. "They assured me not to get afraid. They also gave me clothes."

Pierantoni's recovery was marred by controversy after the government, including President Macapagal-Arroyo, claimed the priest was rescued by police forces after a firefight with the kidnappers.

Pierantoni himself, however, told GMA-7 television news that he was "handed over" by his kidnappers to authorities by a Zamboanga highway, implying that ransom had been paid for his release.

Mayor Madid Elias Ali of Baloi, Lanao del Norte said it was "unwarranted to implicate some mayors" of the province in the alleged payoff for Pierantoni's freedom, "simply because some municipalities were recipients of projects financed by the Italian government.

"This development should not be used to unreasonably implicate some officials of the province," Ali said in a letter faxed to the INQUIRER.

He said Lanao del Norte officials adhere to the national government's no-ransom policy in kidnappings.

Earlier, a military source had pointed to a Lanao del Norte mayor as a member of the group led by presidential troubleshooter Norberto Gonzales that delivered at least P5 million to Pentagon gang leader Faizal Marohombsar in Cotabato City in January.

A police intelligence officer, however, said a ranking police official paid P12 million in exchange for Pierantoni's freedom.

The intelligence officer, who was part of the negotiating team, said the payoff was done in Pagadian City days before Pierantoni was freed in Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay at dawn last Monday.

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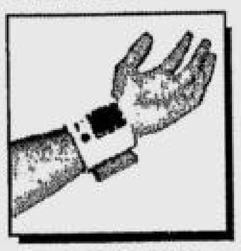

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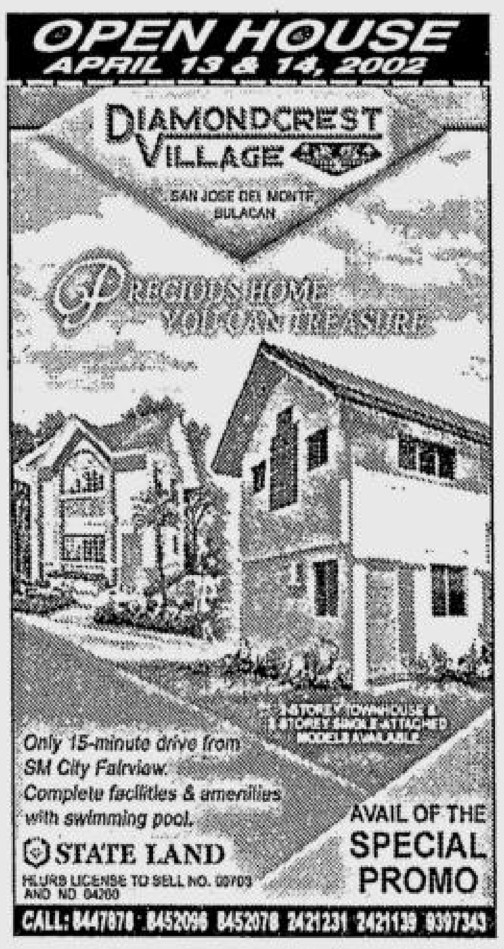

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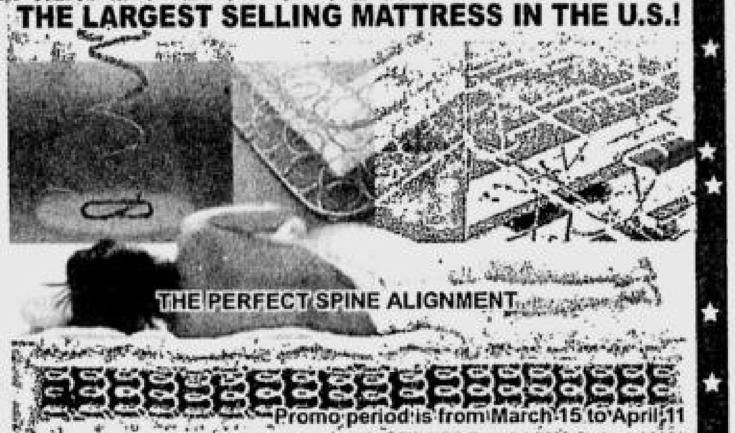

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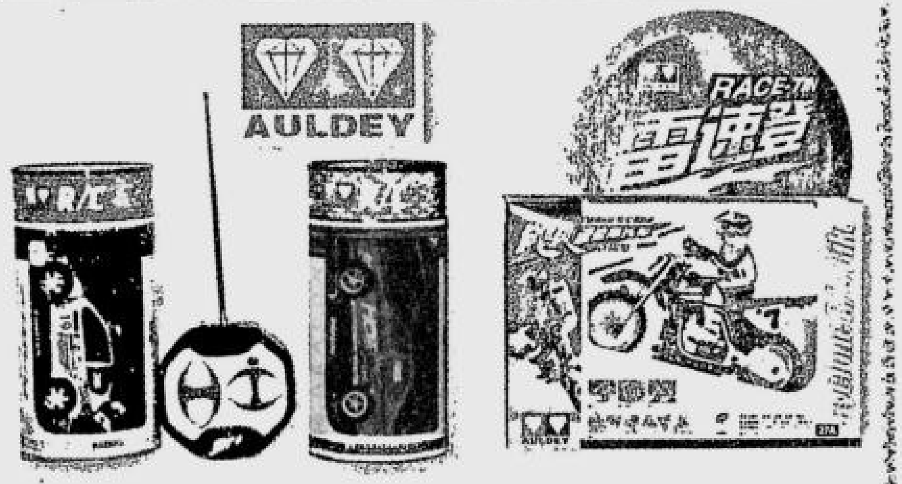

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39 US warplanes coming for Balikatan in Luzon

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—The United States is deploying in Luzon at least 39 warplanes in what is so far the biggest Philippine-US exercise that will include courses on counterterrorism.

The warship "Fort McHenry" is also scheduled to drop anchor in Manila Bay for a brief naval training, according to Jaime Yambao, executive director of the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACom).

Four F-18s, or attack planes from the US Marines, are included for the first time in the aircraft contingent of Balikatan 2002, which starts in Luzon on April 22 and ends on May 6.

At least 2,000 troops from the US navy, army, air force and marines stationed in several American bases in the Pacific region are joining their 2,858 Filipino counterparts, according to Yambao.

This is the biggest combined contingent since the Visiting Forces Agreement-related exercises resumed in 1999 in Luzon, according to VFACom officials.

Yambao said the Balikatan would be done in Clark in Pampanga, Crow Valley in Tarlac, Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija and Ternate in Cavite.

Clark and Crow Valley will host at least 822 US troops.

Yambao said about 50 American soldiers arrived in Clark last week to prepare the logistics and technical requirements of the training.

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the holding of the war games between US and Philippine troops "has not intruded into that penumbra of error that would otherwise call for correction on our part."

The Supreme Court also said that the conduct of the war games was legal until such time that it could be rightfully proven otherwise.

The high court then dismissed the petition filed by former Integrated Bar of the Philippines officials Arthur D. Lim and Paulino R. Ersando, and the petition for intervention filed by Sanlakas and Partido ng Manggagawa, which sought to stop the ongoing military exercises.

The high court, however, clarified that the petitioners could still file "a new petition sufficient in form and substance in the proper regional trial courts," the proper venue for filing petitions for certiorari and prohibition.

Despite the legality of Balikatan 02-1, US forces are barred from engaging in an offensive war on Philippine territory, according to the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. and nine associate justices voted to dismiss the petition, while three others dissented. Besides Davide, those who voted for the main decision were Associate Justices Sabino de Leon Jr., Josue Bellosillo, Jose Melo, Reynato Puno, Jose Vitug, Vicente Mendoza, Artemio Panganiban, Leonardo Quisumbing and Antonio Carpio.

'Not a trier of facts'

Those who dissented were Associate Justices Santiago Kapunan, Consuelo Ynarez-Santiago and Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez. Associate Justices Bernardo Pardo and Arturo Buena retired on Feb. 11 and March 25, respectively.

The decision, written by De Leon, pointed out that the high court "is not a trier of facts." The tribunal concurred with the opinion of the Office of the Solicitor General that the subject "is not a fit topic for a special civil action for certiorari."

"The sole object of the writ is to correct errors of jurisdiction or grave abuse of discretion. The phrase 'grave abuse of discretion' has a precise meaning in law, denoting abuse of discretion too patent and gross as to amount to an evasion of a positive duty, or a virtual refusal to perform the duty enjoined or act in contemplation of law," the Supreme Court said.

The high court admitted that under the expanded concept of judicial power in the Constitution, it could determine whether Ms Macapagal committed an arbitrary act. But the Supreme Court said there was none.

In the decision, the high court also refused to determine whether American troops actively engaged in combat alongside Filipino soldiers in pursuing the Abu Sayyaf bandits were under the guise of a training exercise.

"Contrary to what petitioners would have us do, we cannot take judicial notice of the events transpiring down South, as reported from the saturation coverage of the media."

The Supreme Court said that as a rule, "it do(es) not take cognizance of newspaper or electronic reports per se, not because of any issue as to their truth, accuracy, or impartiality."

The tribunal said facts must be established in accordance with the rules of evidence. "As a result, we cannot accept, in the absence of concrete proof, petitioner's allegation that the Arroyo government is engaged in 'doublespeak' in trying to pass off as a mere training exercise an offensive effort by foreign troops on native soil," the tribunal said.

"The petition invites us to speculate on what is really happening in Mindanao, to issue, make factual findings on matters well beyond our immediate perception," it said.

Taxpayer's suit

In a taxpayer's suit filed on Feb. 1, Lim and Ersando claimed that Balikatan would not only violate the Constitution but would also lead to a "shooting war."

Lim and Ersando claimed that the war games were in reality a "continuing combat operation" by the Armed Forces of the Philippines against the Abu Sayyaf.

They asked the high court to restrain Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, as alter ego of President Macapagal, and Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, from further authorizing the war games.

The lawyers said the "unprecedented" deployment of American soldiers in Mindanao was part of the US-led war on alleged global terrorism to stamp out the Abu Sayyaf (ASG) menace, which, they claimed, was a purely domestic problem.

To legitimize the operations, both Malacañang and the White House had claimed that the military exercise was authorized by the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), according to the lawyers.

Aside from the VFA and the 1951 RP-US Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT), the lawyers said the Palace insisted that the exercise was authorized by the Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA).

"The Balikatan 02-1 is illegal and unconstitutional insofar as it allows US troops to be in actual area of operations against the ASG," they said.

The MDT allows foreign military presence in the country "only in the case of an armed attack by an external aggressor," Lim and Ersando said.

On Feb. 11, Sanlakas and Partido ng Manggagawa asked the high court to declare Ms Macapagal liable for supporting Balikatan 02-1 which, they insisted, was unconstitutional.

SOONER THAN EXPECTED

More oil price hikes seen

LOCAL oil prices will go up again sooner than expected as Caltex Philippines Inc. said yesterday it would raise prices "in the next few days."

Petron Corp., which led last week's price increases by 50 centavos per liter, had said the second round of increases would come at the end of the month.

Marian Catedral, Caltex corporate affairs manager, said in a statement that waiting until the end of the month would mean bigger increases.

"Based on benchmark prices in the region, local wholesale prices should have moved up by P2 to P3 per liter since January," Catedral said.

She was referring to the Mean of Platt's Singapore (Mops), an index of finished product prices.

According to Mops, average prices of unleaded gasoline shot up from $29.90 per barrel in January to about $32 this month.

On the other hand, average diesel prices went up from $21.20 per barrel to about $29 between January and April.

"Actual increases in local prices are just P0.85 per liter in the same period," Catedral said.

Virginia Ruivivar, Petron Corp. corporate communications manager, said the firm was maintaining its previous statement that the next increase would come at the end of the month.

"We are (recovering) a P1.35-per-liter difference between February and March costs," Ruivivar said in a telephone interview.

On the other hand, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. said it would follow Caltex if the latter increased prices sooner.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, April 12, 2002
2nd Week of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 5:34-42
Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, near Tiberias, and large crowds followed him because of the miraculous signs they saw when he healed the sick. So he went up into the hills and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Then lifting up his eyes, Jesus saw the crowds that were coming to him and said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread so that these people may eat?" He said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred silver coins would not buy enough bread for each of them to have a piece."

Then one of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there so the people, about five thousand men, sat down to rest. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish and gave them as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten enough, he told his disciples, "Gather up the pieces left over, that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with bread, that is with pieces of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw this sign that Jesus had just given, they said, "This is really the Prophet, he who is to come into the world." Jesus realized that they would come and take him by force to make him king; so he fled to the hills by himself.

Commentary

The feeding of the 5000 is a sign that Jesus is sent by the Father. In the previous chapter, Jesus seems to be saying, "What more can I do to convince you that I am sent by God? What more can I do or say to induce you to accept what I am offering?" "If I bore witness to myself, my testimony would be worthless. But another One is bearing witness to me." (Jn 5:31) "You refuse to come to me that you may have life." (Jn 5:40) Don't look at the sign but at the one to whom it points. Constantly, Jesus offers "life" or "eternal life." The good news is not a message. It is the offer of a relationship; not the blessings of God but the God of blessings.

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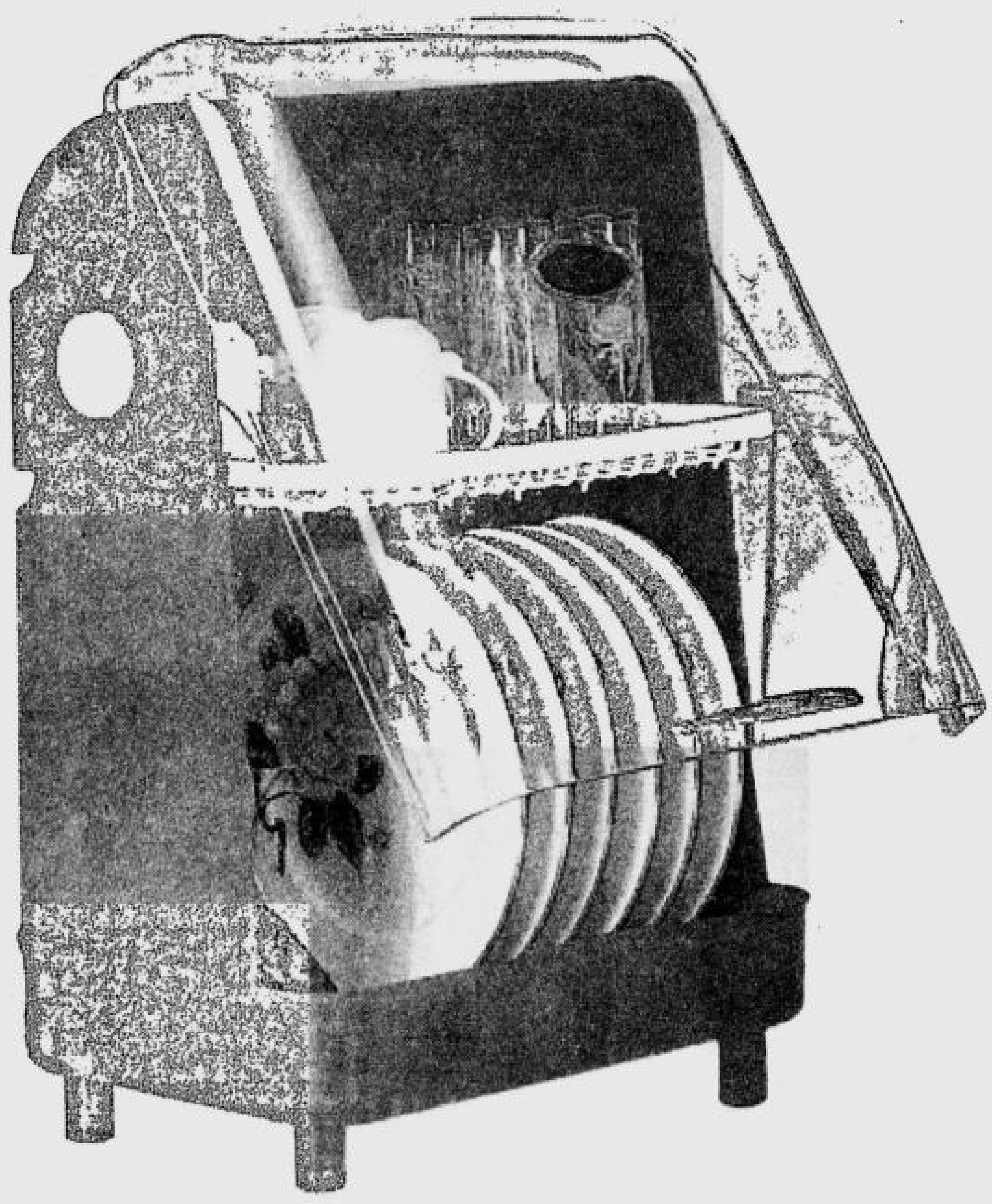

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INDUCTS ITS 2002 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS TODAY

Theme: **Surviving the crisis with new Opportunities and sound Strategies.**

The Philippine Association of Meat Processors, Inc. (PAMPI), composed of 38 member-companies representing 90 percent of the country's processed meat industry, inducts its 2002 officers and directors today, April 12, 2002, 6:00 pm at the Edsa Shangri-La Manila in Mandaluyong City. The event coincides with the association's 13th anniversary.

To be inducted officers are PAMPI President Felix O. Tiukinhoy, Jr. of Virginia Food, Inc; Vice President Cezar D. Cruz Jr. of Monterey Foods Corp.; Secretary Fernando L. King of King Sue Ham & Sausage Co.; Treasurer Teofilo D. Gementiza of Leslie Food Corp. and Public Relations Officer Jerome D. Ong of Foodsphere, Inc.

The directors to be inducted are Teodoro T. Po of The Pacific Meat Company, Inc.; Eduardo B. Martinez of The Purefoods-Hormel Co.; Ador R. Ordoñez of Roel's Food Corp. and Rey C. Lapid of R. Lapid's Chicharon. Francisco J. Buencamino continues to be the association's Executive Director.

MESSAGES

I convey my cordial greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Association of Meat Processors, Inc. on your Induction Ceremonies.

Integral to our vision to provide a better life for the Filipino people is the sustainable supply of food that is accessible to the poor. We firmly believe that a nation with food sufficiency is a nation that is stable, healthy and progressive.

This gathering is relevant to our present thrust to hasten the growth and modernization of our agricultural sector. Only through a thriving agricultural sector and stable food supply shall we succeed in bringing about more sustainable and equitable development. This is a key component of the fight against poverty.

May this event spur more worthy endeavors for the betterment of the lives of the Filipino people.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!

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GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

My warmest felicitations to the incoming members of the Board of Directors and Officers for the year 2002-2003 of the Philippine Association of Meat Processors, Inc. on their induction ceremonies on March 21, 2002.

Let me convey my congratulations to the members of the Board of Directors and Officers to be inducted. May they be guided with inspiration and zeal as they undertake their duties.

Noteworthy indeed is the Association's objective to unify the meat-processing sector of the economy into one strong and solid organization. PAMPI is composed of 38 meat processing and food service companies, which account for an annual turnover in excess of P30 Billion. The Association represents more than 85% of the total processed meat industry or a manufacturing output of more than 300,000 metric tons of meat products. Consequently, PAMPI plays a role in promoting the interest and growth of businesses consistent with the public welfare and the country's economic development objectives.

I, therefore, exhort PAMPI members to consolidate their efforts and to work together to achieve the national objective of sustainable development. Hand in hand, we can lead a progressive and globally competitive Philippines into the next decade.

MABUHAY KAYONG LAHAT!

TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
VICE-PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Warmest greetings to the distinguished members of the Philippine Association of Meat Processors Inc.!

Congratulations and the best of luck to the new set of directors and officers.

May you successfully lead the PAMPI in achieving its goals and objectives.

As your organization consists of key players in the nation's food industry, it is my hope that the PAMPI will collectively be responsive to the food needs of the Filipino consumer as it strives to further improve the state of the country's meat processing industry.

Thank you very much and more power!

Manny Villar

MANNY VILLAR
SENATE PRESIDENT

Congratulations are truly in order for all of us in the Meat Sector of the food industry. The year 2001 may be the most trying year for the Processed Meat Sector because of all the internal and external forces that seemed to have connived to break our industry. Yet, we move on forward and in fact see opportunities in these times of crisis.

The year passed was most unkind to us because of the false fears created by the scare of Europe's Mad Cow disease, and outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth disease in South America in Year 2002 continued to keep our sales down through 2001. And just as we were starting to get out of the "woods", the September 11 tragedy in the USA precipitated another round of fears and actual loss of jobs for many of our compatriots, here and abroad.

But through all these troubles, we have remained steady and dependable. Our products never left our markets. Our prices remained stable. This is true resilience, and ominous of the strength that we can unfold for Year 2002.

Our theme speaks best of the brand of unity and confidence that we have for our industry and business. We should feel proud of ourselves. We have truly contributed to the food security of our nation.

Congratulations!

FELIX O. TIUKINHOY, JR.
PRESIDENT-PAMPI

This year's theme "Surviving the crisis with new Opportunities and sound Strategies" underscores the association's positive outlook amidst the numerous challenges it has undergone last year.

Executive Director Francisco J. Buencamino cites 2001 as a flattening out year for the meat processors, pointing out an industrywide negative growth compared to the 13 to 18 percent growth rate from 1997 to 2000.

Buencamino attributes the crisis to a number of setbacks beyond PAMPI's control. The phyto-sanitary issues that reaped Europe, the legislative measures that seek for the eventual ban of Indian buffalo into Philippine soils, the rising unemployment rate, the shrinkage of overseas Filipino workers remittance, and the September 11 World Trade Center tragedy, all combined, contributed to the difficult situation which the industry is now experiencing.

In every crisis, opportunities come to fore so goes the saying. After reaching the rock bottom line in 2001, the P40 billion industry expresses hope for recovery and cites the need for new investments as the key to survival.

"The industry players need money to fuel expansions. We need to excite investors to come in and take part in our programs. We need to shape up the investment environment. This is the key to recovery," says Buencamino.

The islands of Visayas and Mindanao were declared in May 2001 as free from foot-and-mouth disease by the Office of International des Epizooties (OIE). With this development, processors may now relocate their plants in these regions as they pose strategic sites with cheaper labor cost, livestock feeds and locally-sourced materials.

Mindanao promises an ideal springboard for export of beef-based products due to its proximity to Asean countries like Indonesia and Malaysia. The Department of Trade and Industry has made efforts for the creation of a Halal Certification center. The DTI has sponsored a House Bill to effect the legislation of such certifying body which will boost the country's food exports to our Asean neighbors who are predominantly Muslim.

The increasing number of unemployed opens up to new challenges for the meat processors. For some players, this has provided an opportunity to introduce small pack size units of products made more affordable to the consumer.

A number of canned meat manufactures have come up with corned beef in 100 grams pack size which was a sure hit among the mass markets. Corned beef ranks the most sought-after canned meat product accounting for a third of the total processed meat business.

For the first time in several years, Carabeef imports from India has surpassed the volume of cattle beef imports from 38,000 metric tons in 2000 to 44,000 metric tons in 2001. Cattle beef, on the other hand, decreased from 43,000 metric tons in 2000 to 38,000 metric tons in 2001.

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Of the total 140,000 metric tons of meat and meat products which the association imported last year, 70 percent consist of cattle and carabeef. This simply demonstrates that Filipino consumers have increased consumption of the meat product while the meat processors have proven once more that the country needs a sustainable source of affordably-priced beef. This finding strongly supports the association's ardent need for a cost-effective source of raw materials that will benefit most Filipino consumers.

In the light of these setbacks and shared opportunities, PAMPI remains steadfast to its simple and daunting task: to help provide quality processed meat products to a fast growing Filipino population at affordable prices.

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PCGG beats deadline

By Donna S. Cueto

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government filed Wednesday its second appeal on the controversial decision of Zurich district attorney Dieter Jann lifting the freeze on some $17 million in Swiss deposits of three alleged Marcos cronies.

With the filing of the appeal before the Court of Appeals of the Canton of Zurich , the PCGG not only beat today's deadline for lodging the appeal; it was also able to maintain the freeze on the accounts of Geronimo Velasco, Alfredo de Borja and Carmencita Clavecilla.

PCGG chair Haydee Yorac explained that Jann's decisions dated Feb. 6 and March 12 lifting the freeze on the crony accounts would not be enforced while the PCGG's appeal was being heard.

"The freeze order continues pending the period for appeal. It's like our procedure here," she said yesterday.

The filing of the appeal would prevent the dissipation of the Swiss deposits of the three alleged cronies estimated at $17 million.

In its appeal, the PCGG representing the Philippine government said that Jann was wrong to say in his Feb. 6, 2002 decision that there were no pending criminal actions filed against the former Marcos energy minister Velasco, his nephew Alfredo de Borja and his secretary Carmencita Clavecilla, since the PCGG had already filed at the time forfeiture cases against them.

"It is erroneous for Dieter Jann to say that there are no pending criminal actions against the respondents in the forfeiture case," Yorac told reporters yesterday.

Forfeiture cases are considered by Swiss courts as criminal in nature, Yorac said.

She cited the Marcos case wherein the filing of the forfeiture petitions against the Marcoses in December 1991, became the ground for the continued freeze on their identified Swiss deposits now estimated at $660 million. The identified Marcos Swiss funds were originally $356 million when they were first frozen in March 1986.

Imelda prosecutor suspended for losing cases

By Michael Lim Ubac

OMBUDSMAN Aniano Desierto yesterday indefinitely suspended an Ombudsman prosecutor who failed to block the dismissal of malversation charges filed against former first lady Imelda Marcos and three officials of the defunct Ministry of Human Settlements.

Desierto said Special Prosecution Officer II Evelyn Lucero "did not lift a finger" to oppose the demurrer to evidence filed by Mrs. Marcos in Criminal Cases Nos. 20345 and 20346.

The demurrer is a petition filed by the defense for the dismissal of the case because the evidence presented by the prosecutor is not enough to convict.

Mrs. Marcos, through her lawyers, filed the demurrer to evidence to force the Sandiganbayan Fourth Division to drop the charges. She claimed that the cases had weak evidence.

Amid Lucero's inaction, the court had no other recourse but to clear the former first lady and the three other respondents.

According to the Presidential Commission on Good Government, the cases were dismissed by the anti-graft court merely "on the basis of the demurrers" without "actually putting up a fight."

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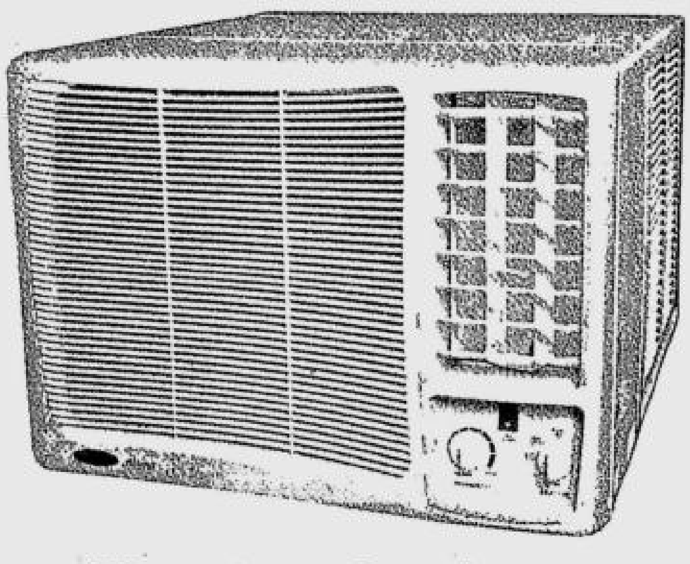

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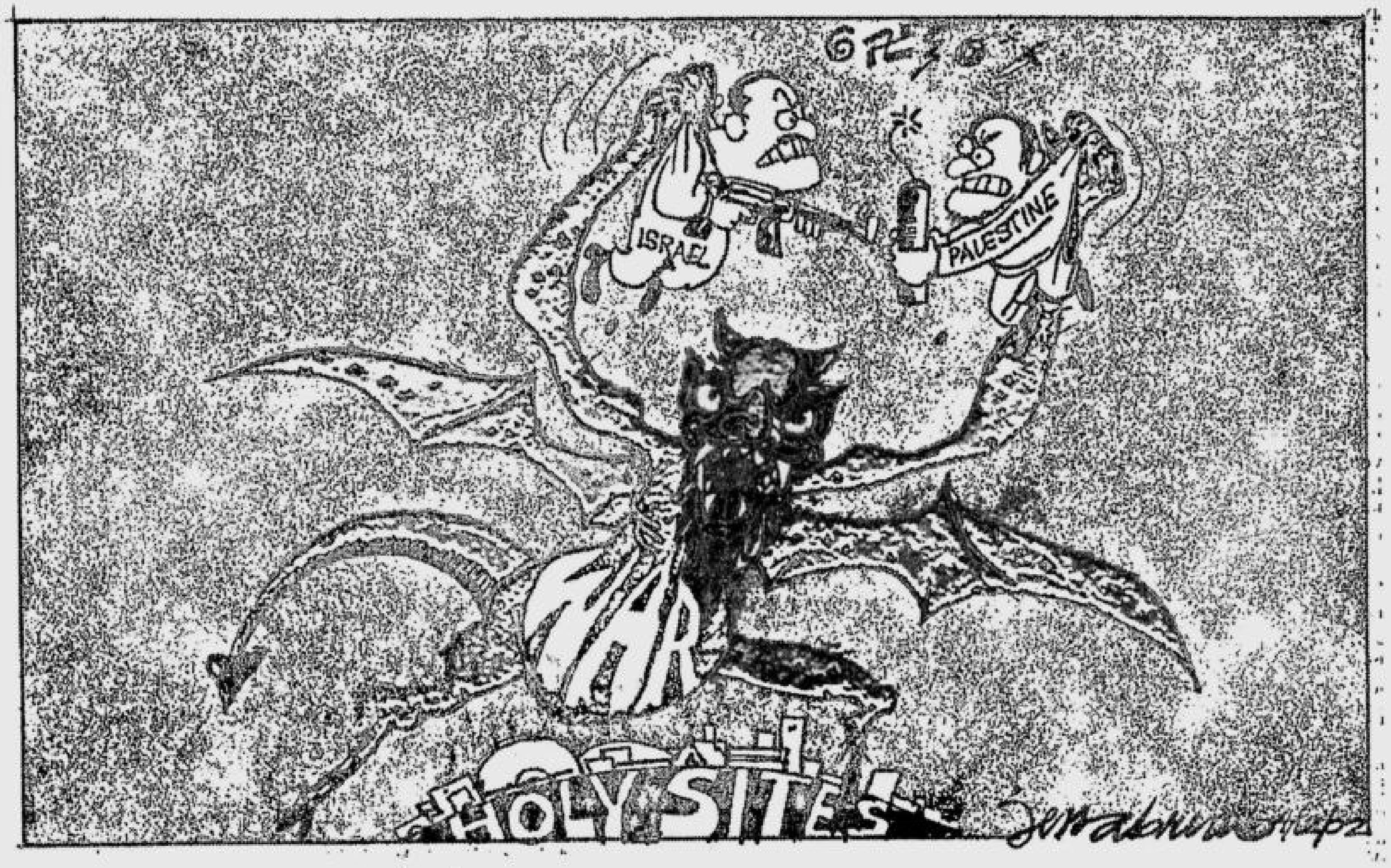

Shifting holidays

EDITORIAL

THE MACAPAGAL administration has yet to launch a social reform program that promises to shake up Philippine society in a profound way but it does not lack for innovations that change things superficially. One such innovation is the reshuffling of national holidays to allow workers—mainly civil servants—to have a continuous three-day cluster of holidays.

The latest decision in this non-revolutionary concept (its stated purpose is to boost domestic tourism) is to move the celebration of Labor Day from May 1 to April 29. May 1 is observed in most parts of the world as a universal celebration of the importance of the workers in the capitalist economic framework, of their gains and as well as the occasion to express their grievances in a democratic manner.

Under the administration's edict, May 1, which falls on Wednesday this year, will be celebrated on April 29, a Monday. This shift is consistent with and justified by the pronouncement that it reinforces a policy in which holidays falling in mid-week will now be moved to Monday so that the three-day weekend may be enjoyed by families.

The superficiality of this shift is emphasized by the fact that its main rationale is the institutionalizing of the three-day holiday whose justification rests on Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon's doctrine that such holidays would not only stimulate tourism, revitalize the economy and increase productivity, but also bring families closer together. None of these hypotheses have been backed by evidence and they therefore belong in the meantime to the realm of speculation.

Precedents have been laid during the clustering of holidays in the Christmas season and the Lenten holidays. Whether these prolonged work breaks have produced the claimed results remain to be seen. But the government may have stretched the joke too far when it tampered with the traditional celebration of May Day. On April 29, we will look funny to the rest of the world, especially if we consider the reason for the reshuffle—tourism. Resetting holidays is not the factor to boost tourism. A country must have diverse tourism resources to lure hordes of foreign and domestic tourists into a country, plus the fact that visitors have a reason to be confident their lives are not in danger from lawlessness and the breakdown of law and order.

Trade union leaders have a right to suspect that the real reason for the resetting of the May Day celebration is that with people on holiday, the threat of Labor Day being used to stage mass demonstrations would be minimized. Opposition agitators are now broadcasting plans to step up street actions, peaking in the celebration on May 1 of the anniversary of the mob attack on Malacañang by pro-Estrada cohorts. They are seeing in the shift a move to take the wind out of the sail of a mass mobilization to destabilize the government riding on the back of the legitimate workers' celebration.

If such were the intention, then the administration is telegraphing its insecurity to control tumultuous street actions, and its magnification of the threat and capacity of political agitators to create disturbances.

From most indications, the threat of Estrada partisans to foment disorder has diminished, the national police and the military have the capacity to quell disorders, the administration itself has generated the momentum for economic recovery and has consolidated its political control. The Labor Day shift is a thinly disguised security measure, justified by the wrong reasons.

The administration has created its own phantoms of which it is afraid—an anxiety workers don't share with the government. Moreover, by doing away with a traditional celebration and an occasion for them to express their grievances or demands for social amelioration, the government is antagonizing workers and driving them into the arms of political agitators. The price it is paying for its innovation is high. It's not worth the risk.

PCGG-sequestered paintings being stolen

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

AT A DINNER in Malacañang with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, PCGG Chair Haydee Yorac revealed informally (before the dinner) that paintings accumulated by the Marcoses with public funds and sequestered by the Philippine Commission on Good Government have been disappearing. Among them are French Impressionist paintings which now fetch the highest prices in the art market. Among the paintings the PCGG lost are by Renoir and Monet.

Yorac revealed that Picasso's "Head of a Woman" was about to be sold at an auction by Sotheby's when it was discovered to be on the list of the PCGG's lost paintings. That Picasso piece fetched $500,000 which was turned over to the PCGG.

The problem with the sequestered art collection is that, unlike the sequestered Imelda jewelry which are kept in the vaults of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the paintings are scattered in many places. Some are in Malacañang, others in the Bangko Sentral, but the rest are scattered in private homes and public buildings.

Worse, although the PCGG has a list, there are no photographs of the paintings themselves. So few people know how each of them look like. If the President or Yorac were to come face to face with one, they wouldn't recognize it. Even a PCGG commissioner attending a public auction of artworks wouldn't know if a painting being sold is from the PCGG-sequestered art collection. It is very easy, therefore, for anybody to take a sequestered painting from a private home and sell it.

Yorac said the PCGG has furnished the auction houses a list of the lost paintings, but it is easy to change the title of a painting. And what if it is sold not through the auction houses?

I suggested that each and every painting in the collection be photographed and that the whole collection be exhibited publicly. That way, the people who see the exhibit will recognize a painting being sold illegally and alert authorities. And that will give Filipinos an opportunity to appreciate world-class art.

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Malacañang itself has many first-class art that Filipinos should see and appreciate. Paintings by Juan Luna, Fabian de la Rosa, Fernando Amorsolo, Carlos V. Francisco, Vicente Manansala and other Filipino first-rate painters. But except for the lucky few who are invited to Malacañang, how many Filipinos see them?

So I propose that Malacañang publish a coffee-table book on its art collection. The Bangko Sentral has published one such book about its own collection; Malacañang should do no less. It has a far superior collection. Likewise, the National Museum should also have one for its own collection.

Malacañang has an art curator who is supposed to keep tabs on and take care of its art collection but the Palace can lose paintings, especially the small pieces, during changes in administration. One extreme example was the flight of the Marcoses and the Aquino administration takeover after the 1986 People Power Revolt when Malacañang was looted. Not only were expensive office equipment, television cameras and various memorabilia lost but also some valuable paintings, according to reports. If there is a permanent record of the Malacañang art collection, as in a coffee-table book, a stolen piece seen outside the Palace can be recognized.

Besides, an entity like Malacañang (and the National Museum) that has such a valuable art collection should be proud of it and share it with the public. If the people cannot see it in an actual exhibit, they should at least be able to see a reproduction in a book. After all, they paid for their acquisition and are paying for their maintenance.

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On the transfer of the Bonifacio Monument from Caloocan to anywhere, sculptor Jerry Araos said it wouldn't be a hard thing to do. It looks formidable because of the huge bulk and weight of the monument itself. But you don't have to move the whole monument itself, Araos said. Much of it—the base and the obelisk—is just concrete. The sculptures themselves are in separate pieces bolted to the base. You just dismantle them—and the marble blocks cemented on the surface of the base and the obelisk—and transfer them. The whole concrete structure doesn't have to be transferred, Araos said.

It would be much easier to have a new concrete base and obelisk poured on the new site and then attach these sculptures and the marble blocks to them.

The old base and obelisk—in fact the monument itself minus the sculptures—can be retained in the old site if Mayor Rey Malonzo so wishes. He can resurface the concrete base and obelisk with new marble or granite and put his own statue there. Or a replica of the sculptures by National Artist Guillermo Tolentino.

But the original will be seen and appreciated by more Filipinos in a new location better suited to it—such as the Luneta.

Bataan has fallen

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

THAT used to be a very famous declamation piece in high school. Sometimes you had two or three kids delivering it in one contest, all using the same gestures. "Bataan," arms thrust upwards, "has fallen," arms fall downwards. Each time someone began with those lines, you would hear a collective groan from the audience. Or they would break into chorus—and laughter.

The piece had to do with victory wrung from defeat. Bataan was the place where Filipino and American soldiers stood their last ground against the invading Japanese horde. It recalled defeat. But Bataan, according to the piece, also showed the indomitable spirit of the defenders, a willingness to die for country, which would live on for all time. Bataan was hope beneath the rubble of despair.

Bataan of course also eventually came to symbolize Filipino-American friendship, courtesy of American mythmakers who found the image too rich to pass up. Its verbal equivalent was "special relations," a phrase that would be invoked like an incantation to justify everything from the American demand for "parity rights" to the Filipino demand for hamburgers. It was a big thing in the 1950s but lost its luster in the 1960s, when another wave of nationalism swept the country. Certainly, it was all but forgotten after 1991 when the Senate ruled to kick out the US bases.

I cannot recall when Bataan Day was celebrated with as much fanfare over the last 30 years as it was last Tuesday. The event drew no less than the American ambassador and several American legislators, along with a dwindling crowd of Filipino veterans who still await—after more than half a century—their benefits from America.

It was part of the campaign to resurrect "special relations," which has been taking place furiously, if quietly, over the past several months. With President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as its local commander in chief: If she were to wear a veterans cap over her head, war medals on her chest and elevator shoes under her feet to proclaim that title, it would not be more obvious. It's one of those not very small ironies of history that Diosdado Macapagal, bowing to the wishes of his compatriots, officially changed Independence Day from July 4 to June 12, and his daughter, Ms Macapagal, bowing to the wishes of the Americans, unofficially changed it back to July 4. That is what her recent to-do about Bataan signifies.

But I am glad that they chose Bataan as the engine with which to reanimate the spirit of "special relations." (I understand Tom Cruise is set to come over to do a movie about it, which should share the spirit of historical revision of "Pearl Harbor" and "Black Hawk Down.") Because if you look a little more closely at what happened in Bataan and afterward during the Japanese Occupation, you will discover whole new meanings in the phrase "special relations."

Bataan conjures, or is meant to conjure—as the speeches last Tuesday at the Bataan Day rites amply show—Filipinos and Americans fighting side by side, enduring the same sacrifices, enjoying the same fruits of victory. But the difference between myth and truth, movie and reality, is as many miles away as the entire length of the Death March. It was far less Filipinos fighting side by side with the Americans as Filipinos helping to keep the Americans alive.

MacArthur had left in a huff after the Japanese fighter planes routed their American counterparts in a brief firefight (Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett weren't around then) and Japanese troops swiftly fanned across the country. But not without vowing, far from the stench of Bataan, "I shall return." The sacrifices were largely borne by the Filipinos who went out of their way to protect the Americans, particularly after they were all forced to take the Death March. The Japanese, who had no love lost for the Americans, were eager to bayonet them where they fell. It was the Filipinos who kept saving them.

There were no Americans fighting side by side with Filipinos throughout the Japanese Occupation, there were only the Filipino guerrillas, chiefly the Huks, who made the Japanese pay a high price for their presence. And which the Japanese repaid by lining 10 Filipinos against the wall for every Japanese they killed. At the end of the war, MacArthur came back saying "I told you so," or its equivalent, "I have returned," and claimed credit for liberating the country. The "Liberation" is how his return is called to this day. The Huks they did not reward for a job well done. They did not even allow Luis Taruc, who had won a seat in Congress, to serve his term, but drove him back to the hills.

The ones they rewarded were the collaborators. A couple of years after the War, the newly installed Filipino government, upon the instance of the Americans, who feared that the Filipino elite might be thoroughly depopulated, agreed to drop the collaboration trials.

Bataan **is** a symbol, but not for equity, not for justice, not for friendship. As the veterans of Bataan have found out, their most formidable foe has not been the Japanese and their most harrowing ordeal has not been the Death March. The most formidable foe has been the ignorance and indifference of their countrymen and the callousness and duplicity of the people they have called friends. Their most harrowing ordeal is getting the due from the government they served over and above the call of duty—we were still a Commonwealth then. That has taken longer and pierced more hearts than the bayonets of the Japanese.

Well may they cry out in unison, or those of them who can still let sound escape from quivering lips, and let arms rise and fall, or those of them who can still command movement from their brittle bodies:

"Bataan has fallen."

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Results needed in GMA's poverty programs

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

THE FINDINGS of the Social Weather Stations survey of March 2002 should be a jolt to the complacency of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. They are also a jarring encounter with reality for deposed President Joseph Estrada, just in case he still has delusions that a popularity loss for Ms Macapagal translates into a political gain for him.

The survey shows that the net satisfaction rating of Ms Macapagal, 14 months into her transitional presidency, dropped to a +16 net satisfaction from plus +27 in the previous SWS survey of Nov. 3-21, 2001. Her net satisfaction rating in the March 2002 survey derives from the difference between 53 percent satisfied and 26 percent dissatisfied.

At first glance, the drop looks hefty, but Dr. Mahar Mangahas, SWS president, hastens to assure us that the March findings indicate a "general public satisfaction with the Macapagal administration" compared to the rating of last November, bringing it close to its 2001 average. "Political support for the administration remains healthy, with no sign of transfer of public sympathy to the opposition."

The findings give no reason for Ms Macapagal to gloat, but they are also bad news for Estrada. His satisfaction rating has been having a free fall since May last year, when the urban poor incited by Estrada and his allies stormed Malacañang following his arrest in April on criminal charges of plunder and corruption-related offenses.

Ms Macapagal's new net rating is close to +17 in April 2001, +18 in May, +16 in July and +15 in September. While the March rating indicates disenchantment with the President, it returns to a more stable satisfaction rating registered during the first three quarters of last year.

On the other hand, the trust ratings of Estrada have been sliding downhill since May 14, 2001, when his net trust rating hit +3 from -10 in April. His net trust ratings from May 2001, are -5 in July, -9 in September, -7 in November, and -15 in March 2002. This uninterrupted tumble tends to support assessments in some sectors of the business community that Estrada is a "spent force" incapable of mounting tumultuous street action based on the urban poor to seriously dislocate the Macapagal administration.

A bad omen for Estrada is the finding in the March 2002 survey that his net trust ratings were negative in all regions and all social classes, including Class E (composed of the poorest segment of the population and conceded as Estrada's political constituency). The SWS noted that Class E "changed direction from +3 in November to -6 in March."

This slide should be considered when examining reports that Estrada partisans are planning a series of street actions during the next few weeks in the build-up to the anniversary of the rebellion of the poor on May 1, an event that continues to haunt the administration and upon which some opposition leaders hope to stage another uprising in May.

The SWS March survey points to danger signs. Metro Manila continues to be a sensitive spot for President Macapagal. It accounts for the drop of her net rating. Although there was a shift from Estrada in the E class, the SWS noted that the drop of the President's net rating from 26 to 10 "occurred mainly in Metro Manila and the rest of Luzon," indicating that she has much to do to win them over and that her much-publicized drive to combat poverty among the urban poor has not made an impact among them and, indeed, was not delivering results to gain their support.

Press Secretary Rigoberto Tiglao was quick to point out that "the poor can't wait." He said "We have to find ways...to immediately help them." In her first State of the Nation Address (Sona), the President outlined a short-term ameliorative antipoverty program which may have generated hopes and expectations from the urban poor. The glow of the expectations appears to be rubbing off, but since Estrada's ratings in Class E has dwindled, the reasonable conclusion seems to be that the poor are still giving the President a chance to deliver on her promises.

The World Bank's country report released last Tuesday said poverty reduction stagnated from 1998 to 2001, in the aftermath of the economic slowdown. The WB report said that "from 1994 to 1997, Philippine economic growth averaged 5 percent annually and the incidence of poverty fell quickly from 32 percent to 25 percent." In contrast, "from 1998 to 2001, growth averaged 2.5 percent and poverty reduction stagnated," the bank said.

The bank said the economy must grow over 5 percent annually to make a dent in alleviating poverty, and the most optimistic growth forecasts put growth at below 3 percent. This gives rise to questions over the capacity of the administration to alleviate poverty immediately. Even though they are giving the administration further time to deliver results, they can't be made to wait indefinitely.

The President may be buoyed by reports on meager economic recovery and the growing affirmation by independent risk analysts of increasing confidence in governance and economic management, but she should pay attention to another SWS finding. Fifty-two percent of respondents said she was very serious or somewhat serious in helping the poor, but this is not at all a rating on results. The President is very much on trial on the poverty program's performance and the survey shows the poor are very much a contested recruitment ground for political mobilization.

The 'game' of sex and reproduction

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

GAME *na kayo*? Let's start with an "elementary" sex education question. How does a woman get pregnant?

A) She has unprotected intercourse during her fertile period.

B) Her partner's sperm successfully find their way to her fallopian tube and have an "encounter" with the waiting ovum.

C) The fertilized ovum successfully finds its way to her uterus.

D) The fertilized ovum succeeds in implanting itself in the thickened, blood-rich uterine lining, becoming a fetus. The correct answer is "all of the above," the entire process taking place over a few days. If any one of these steps is missed, the pregnancy, or rather, the potential pregnancy, will no longer be possible.

If no sperm is able to reach the ovum, then of course there would be no pregnancy as no fertilization would take place. But if the fertilized ovum is not able to implant itself in the uterine lining, then there is no pregnancy to speak of, either.

Now for the bonus round: When does an abortion take place?

There are two kinds of abortion, actually. Spontaneous, when for natural reasons the fetus is eliminated; and induced, when other means—chemical, mechanical or physical—are employed. But most everyone would agree that an abortion takes place when there is a pregnancy.

But others, including some medical doctors, insist that an abortion takes place at any time during the process of pregnancy, and anything that interferes with this process is an abortifacient. Pushing the logic of this thinking to its outer limits, they have posited that condoms, which serve as a barrier between the sperm and the ovum, and even the oral contraceptive pill, which prevents ovulation, are abortifacients. But if you buy this line of thinking, says a doctor-friend, then you'd have to tell women that every time they menstruate, that is, expel an unfertilized ovum, they have undergone an abortion.

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I DOUBT very much if the majority of the medical community supports this interpretation of the reproductive process. And yet, in an order issued last December, the Bureau of Food and Drugs, and by extension the Department of Health, basically "bought" this contestable, at best, theory. In effect, it conferred the status of a "fetus" or a viable life, to a fertilized ovum.

By way of background, even before the first Edsa Revolt, there has been a persistent campaign, carried out through subterfuge, political pressure and even emotional blackmail, to prevent the sale, distribution and use of all forms of "artificial" contraceptives in the country.

In fact, early in the Aquino administration, influential personages had even drafted a presidential order that would have made it illegal for all government health centers and personnel to distribute or provide services for all forms of contraception, except natural family planning. If women's groups and health and medical organizations had not loudly protested and thus prevented the draft order's implementation, this would have meant that women dependent on the government health system around the country would have had no choice of family planning methods but NFP.

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AFTER THIS setback, the opponents of family planning then shifted tack. They sought to classify oral contraceptive pills, the most widely used family planning method in the country, as abortifacients.

The argument, it seems, is that the hormones in the pills don't really prevent ovulation but prevent either fertilization (the union of sperm and ovum) or implantation of the fertilized ovum. But again, how could the pills result in an abortion when they prevent pregnancy?

Still, the anti-choice/anti-contraceptive forces have managed to gain some ground. In the past two Congresses, legislators have actually filed bills calling for the outlawing of contraceptive pills alleging they are abortifacients. The BFAD has even taken the position that contraceptive pills should not be sold over-the-counter because "they would encourage promiscuity." (Hear ye, hear ye, all you pill-popping sisters, according to the BFAD, you're all sluts!)

At the local government level, the anti-choice forces have used their influence to effectively curtail the reproductive rights and choices of their constituents. When now Interior Secretary Joey Lina was governor of Laguna, one of his first acts was to prevent the province's health network from dispensing or providing services for all forms of contraception except NFP. Soon after Lito Atienza won his second term as mayor of Manila, the city council passed a similar ordinance. When I asked the city health officer of Manila what choices they offered to women, she said that if the women felt they couldn't practice NFP, then they would be referred "to private or national hospitals or to health centers outside Manila."

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THE LATEST skirmish won by the anti-choice/anti-contraceptive forces was the issuance, last Dec. 7, of a circular by the BFAD delisting the drug Postinor or levonorgestrel.

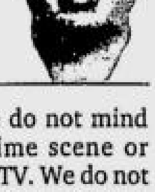
Postinor is being marketed as a form of "emergency contraception," a high-dosage oral contraceptive pill that works essentially by preventing implantation. Because it prevents pregnancy at the latter stage of the process, it is effective up to 48 hours after unprotected sex. In a position paper, former Health Secretary Alberto Romualdez, who had authorized the entry of Postinor, limited its availability "on a limited scale through the hospital-based DOH network of Women and Child Protection Units (WCPU)," with experience gained from this limited program to be used to "guide future use of ECP (emergency contraception) in the commercial market."

But with the latest BFAD circular, even such limited use of Postinor has effectively been snatched away from the women who need it.

(More tomorrow)

National artists are immortal

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

EARLY this week, while watching the necrological services for Elizabeth the Queen Mother on cable TV, I couldn't help but contrast it with the media circus that followed Rico Yan to his grave. Of course, the Yan funeral should not be compared with a royal funeral whose elaborate ceremonial is guided by centuries of tradition and protocol. As expected, the royal funeral was sober, dignified and stately. The camera would pan over the well-dressed crowd, politely avoiding any hint of yawning, sleeping, or picking of noses. It seemed as if nothing was out of place, not even a strand of hair on Prince Philip's balding head. No outpouring of grief or hysterics. Was this for real? Or was it the result of subdued coverage? What would happen if we sent a Pinoy TV crew to London for the Queen Mother's funeral? Or, for that matter, how would a BBC crew report on the Yan funeral?

Anyone who watches late-breaking or "live" news coverage on Philippine television will note that the atmosphere is tense, the reporter is often breathless and the voices shrill. Worse, the absence of basic facts—who, what, where, when and how—is covered by impressionistic, emotional, "eyewitness" reporting. Instead of reporting a story there is a mad rush to get "ambush interviews." One feature of TV news reporting is that it can be used for radio as well. By its very nature radio reporting is descriptive because there are no visuals. Yet, you find TV reporters describing a scene you can already see on the screen. The link between TV and radio is often blurred.

TV news also has a tabloid quality, with a focus on sex and crime, that is particularly irritating. Last Sept. 11 the world watched in horror and grief as the World Trade Center disappeared from the landscape, yet we were all spared the blood and gore. The same is true in coverage of war around the world. If you send a Pinoy crew to any site of a tragedy, you can be assured of the most distressing footage available. We do not mind when bloodied corpses in a crime scene or morgue are flashed on nationwide TV. We do not seem to care about the feelings of the victim's family. In some cases, victims are badgered for sound bites. Worse, nobody seems to bother with footage showing victims slapping, kicking or beating helpless handcuffed criminals in police custody. I wouldn't be surprised if these are done on purpose to liven up our evening news. It is not spontaneous because I have seen footage where the reporter actually encourages the victim to get physical with a criminal. Where is human rights here? Is this what passes for responsible journalism?

All these thoughts and reflections came to mind during lulls in the necrological services for the late National Artist Levi Celerio last Wednesday and Lucio San Pedro yesterday. These were simple, humble men despite the grand title of Pambansang Alagad ng Sining (or Artista ng Bayan, a title that has been cheapened by a similar title Pantasya ng Bayan). Celerio and San Pedro contributed so much to Philippine music and yet the high-profile soloists who used their music were notably absent at the services. It was one thing to mourn for them, and quite another to celebrate their lives and the way they enriched ours without even trying. As a historian, the necrological services provided me with anecdotes that reminded me that these two National Artists were human too.

Celerio's quick wit was remembered and celebrated. Someone asked Celerio how much he was paid for putting the lyrics to "Kahit Konting Pagtingin." His reply, "*Konti rin.*" Then, there were the street urchins pestering him for small change after giving him their rendition of "Ang Pasko ay Sumapit." His reply, "*Kayo nga ang dapat magbayad sa akin eh, kanta ko iyang kinakanta ninyo.*" Then there were recollections of San Pedro's practical jokes that brought much laughter to the Cultural Center of the Philippines crowd before tears were shed at the end of the service.

Frankly, I felt bad for laughing at a sick joke overheard in the back row. While the other National Artists went onstage to present floral offerings, someone noted that they were all senior citizens. Some walked unaided, others supported by a cane, some propped up by ushers. Given the context of the gathering, someone remarked that the row of seats they occupied was like an airport pre-departure area.

For me, the most touching was the standing ovation given the departed National Artists though I wished this was accorded them when they were still alive. San Pedro is quoted to have said that money was not as important as having provided something good for the people. His reward was in the faces of the people who liked his music or clapped at the end of a performance. One can truly say that National Artists do not pass away, it is just a physical body that is gone because they live as long as their music is played, their literature is read, their choreography used by dancers, their paintings and sculptures are appreciated. Politicians have greater funerals than the two I last attended but their legacy is often connected with their lives. National Artists, through their life and work, are immortal.

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Glorious days

COMMENTARY

Natalia M.L.M Morales

EARLY Easter this year coincides with graduation season. Celestial glory locks in with temporal and mortal aspirations. Passing through, getting through, reaching the finish line, academic-wise are some of its expressions.

Among the early birds in this exercise of worthy affirmation is Chapter 045 of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi of the University of the Philippines. It held its annual induction rites last March 13. About 251 graduating seniors at the undergrad (with one junior economics major) and graduate levels, two faculty, and "returning" invitees from previous years gathered at the UP Film Center, with their loved ones, to claim their certificates and golden pins clinching years of doing their best. The honor society, based in Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, was founded in 1897 to honor academic excellence. The UP became part of this honoring tradition in 1933 with a chapter set up by Thomasite counterparts in the tertiary level. Since then, US and international membership (the Philippines and Puerto Rico are the only chapters outside the United States at this point) easily reaches the one million mark. Five of UP's presidents have all been Phi Kappa Phi members. Like a badge of honor, the Greek letters serve as password to those who know their value.

This was proven in this year's induction when half a dozen previous "invitees" returned to reclaim what they missed out the first time. Prospective inductees who meet the requirements are invited to join. Full membership follows after the induction. Dr. Antonio H. Guerrero, an eye surgeon in Metro Manila, was one of them. Graduating in 1985, he ignored the invitation because of the membership fee. After his medical degree, he went to the United States and the Bahamas for further training and practice. This year, under the presidency of Prof. Carmelita Ramirez (who also takes care of UP alumni affairs), the Phi Kappa Phi encouraged those who had not been inducted to join the rites. Dr. Guerrero chose to be a prodigal member, claiming what he had missed all these years. On hand to witness his induction were his dentist wife and proud parents, Dr. Jose Guerrero and Dr. Sylvia H. Guerrero, the latter is one of the country's noted gender scholars.

Other instances of these glorious days have been properly recorded in the media if only to focus on inspiring stories of human struggle, not in the jungles of Basilan and other war zones but in the realm of the "beautiful mind." It is a truism that graduation is akin to the season of autumn with its colorful foliage and bountiful harvest—for graduates and their parents (guardians) as well. The legless "cum laude" Maryann Rosuman of the University of Northern Philippines proudly ambled to the stage with her mother to claim not just her diploma but the testament of human courage and fortitude, rare commodity these days. The long estranged father of PMA class valedictorian, Charlie Domingo Jr., Charlie Sr., got media mileage when he personally congratulated and hugged his son upon graduation. The Parents' Council of the Philippine Science High School 2002 graduates had a year-long fund-raising activity that afforded rent-free "toga," passed on to the next batch. A memorable cost-free graduation ball had attending parents charged for their dinners. Surprisingly, a third of the hotel ballroom's area was occupied by the nervous and excited parents of new "Pisay" graduates.

Parents and loved ones experience vicariously the fruits of the efforts of these graduates. The connection can be as basic as genetics ("it's all in the genes" dominant or residual) or some other means of bonding. These come from sacrifices of parents and relatives to see through their children's education, the sympathy and support of mentors, the affection and cooperation of classmates, the justness and traditions of academic institutions truly devoted to being custodians of human growth and progress. To paraphrase Hillary Clinton, "It takes a community to graduate a child." And it takes a greater community to graduate a child with sound confidence in himself/herself for what he/she has been taught and has learned.

It is perhaps this kind of exercise that the country needs in the midst of debates over Balikatan and "war versus terrorism." It was once said that if you want peace, you have to cultivate it in the minds of children by instilling in them the right values. At this time when the country suffers from low achievement rates in the international community in the math and the sciences, we need this affirmation. At this time when the Department of Education's new curriculum is being questioned because of imbalance or shortsightedness, we need more graduates who can shape and have a louder voice in their future. This is much better than misguided bureaucratic juggling and petrified, regimented thinking of a few up there. The country's education has suffered a lot. Let the graduates, despite bleak prospects for immediate employment in this economic downturn, handle it for themselves. The country owes its larger future to these aspirants of progress and self-growth.

In short, all is not grim even as we contemplate where all these graduation exercises will bring us in this strife-ridden world. The Filipinos have really been great learners. One reason why we celebrated the Thomasites centennial. One reason why impoverished parents pawn or sell their earthly possessions to send their children to school. One reason why those who can afford it buy educational trust to beat the high cost of education these days. The learning, however, has been misplaced at times. Think of the late nationalist Renato Constantino berating us on miseducation, or the controversial Atlantic Monthly article years back on our "damaged," "fractured" culture. But like the glorious resurrection of Christianity, sound academic achievement offers the ray of hope toward liberating the country—from mediocrity and poverty, irrationality and lack of common sense, that many among us already suffer from.

Alvin Toffler in his book "Powershift," portrays a future where knowledge becomes the basis of national wealth. Not land, nor troops, nor currency—but knowledge and information. Their fruits and endeavor will be a scarce value as a result of sheer competition. Just like a valued commodity, the process of learning can be manipulated. An enlightened society should do its best to prevent or minimize this. Corrupting the mind and its product is the greatest disservice and desecration of humanity. If only for these, the glorious days of graduation can be a seasonal but effective antidote.

Natalia M.L.M. Morales is the vice president of Chapter 045 of UP, Phi Kappa Phi. She dedicates this piece to all of this year's graduates, two of whom are her children.

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A mindful generosity

THE INQUIRER story about the employees of the National Economic and Development Authority in Central Luzon who agreed to give up sending one text message a day so that they could help support poor children through school is the most inspiring article I've read in a long time. To me, the clear message in that one unsent text every day is not only generosity, but also mindfulness. Those Neda employees had the mindfulness to stop texting one day and to ask themselves: What are we doing, and why?

It is outrageous that all over the country millions of pesos are being wasted monthly on mindless texting—of senseless trivia, stupid jokes, cruel gossip. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Globe and Smart could include in their ads the reminder to "use your cellphone prudently"? But mindlessness does apply to many other areas of life as well. How many cars does a family really need? How many mansions, how many baubles, how many of this and that? And the weddings, debuts, balls, anniversaries and "ordinary" parties of the shamelessly extravagant! Those who have money to throw away argue that after having worked so hard they are entitled to indulge their whims and fantasies. No argument there. We ALL are entitled, if not to a life of self-indulgence, at least to a decent life, except that some are luckier than others.

I thank and salute the Neda Central Luzon employees for their beautiful example of mindful generosity. They give me hope. They make me proud to be Filipino. They remind me to look inside myself constantly and to ask: What am I doing, and why?

—LORNA KALAW-TIROL,
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Alternative, 'positive' photo captions

THE CAPTION on the photo on Page A16 which reads, "Surplus Machines—the influx of surplus items is making the Philippines a global junkyard," of the INQUIRER's March 11 issue is slanted toward the negative.

Alternatively, the caption could have read in any of the following ways:

1. Following in the tradition of the jeepney, Filipinos exercise their ingenuity in the use of surplus equipment.

2. Imported surplus machines enable Filipino entrepreneurs less costly access to equipment.

3. The economic histories of Japan and South Korea demonstrate that imported, used or surplus machines serve as the foundation for growth of small-scale industries in the Philippines.

4. Since brand-new equipment is prohibitively expensive in the Philippines, the imports of second-hand machines have boomed.

In fact, the alternative captions proposed above are more economically accurate.

Also, your phrase "global junkyard" is pejorative. It insinuates a negative situation, however unproven to be in fact, negative.

Your caption is certainly not an example of a "balanced view."

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GMA's vote on the death penalty

CONTRARY to your report that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo voted no on the death penalty issue, Senate records show that when it was time to separate the women from the girls, *nang magputokan po, 'ika nga*, she said, on Aug. 16, 1993: "Torn between conscience and constituency, Mr. President, I hereby abstain on Senate Bill No. 891." Some leader.

Attached is a copy of her wimpish, wishy-washy explanation of vote.

In her public life, she has not been known to show any ability to resist the temptation of pragmatism. But this quintessential opportunist has fortunately time to show that she can stand on principle by not allowing any further executions during her watch.

Incidentally, it is illegal to identify, advertise and publicize today the two death convicts who will be sent to the Promised Land in August or whenever. Article 82 of the Revised Penal Code says that "(t)he the court shall designate a working day for the execution (which) shall not be communicated to the offender before sunrise of said day."

—R.A.V. SAGUISAG, 4045 Bigasan St., Palanan, Makati City

LETTERS

Disclaimer on Taiwan jet deal

THIS has reference to your news article on Page A2 last March 8, 2002 titled, "RP-Taiwan deal won't affect China ties."

In the above reference, it was cited that Lt. Gen. Gregorio M. Camiling Jr. supposedly said in an interview that "Taiwan was offering the jets at a bargain price in exchange for concessions such as letting Taiwanese fighter pilots train in the Philippine air space."

He never made such a statement.

This was interpreted as offering the territorial air space for the training of Taiwanese pilots. However, in the interview made, Camiling was referring to the training of our own pilots which is customarily incorporated in any package of acquisition. As in any acquisition, the upgrade or training of our men normally takes place either from the source of origin or the acquiring country. It was never mentioned that a joint Taiwanese-Filipino air exercise would take place outside the possible deal.

In this regard, we truly hope that your paper will give attention to this disclaimer. We know that objectivity is one of your guiding values.

—EUGENIO JULIO C. OSIAS IV, CPT (INF) PA, chief, Administrative and Operations Branch, Public Information Office, Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

THE STATEMENT was included in a report by the French news agency, Agence France Presse (AFP). The AFP PIO should ask the news agency to make the correction.—**Ed.**

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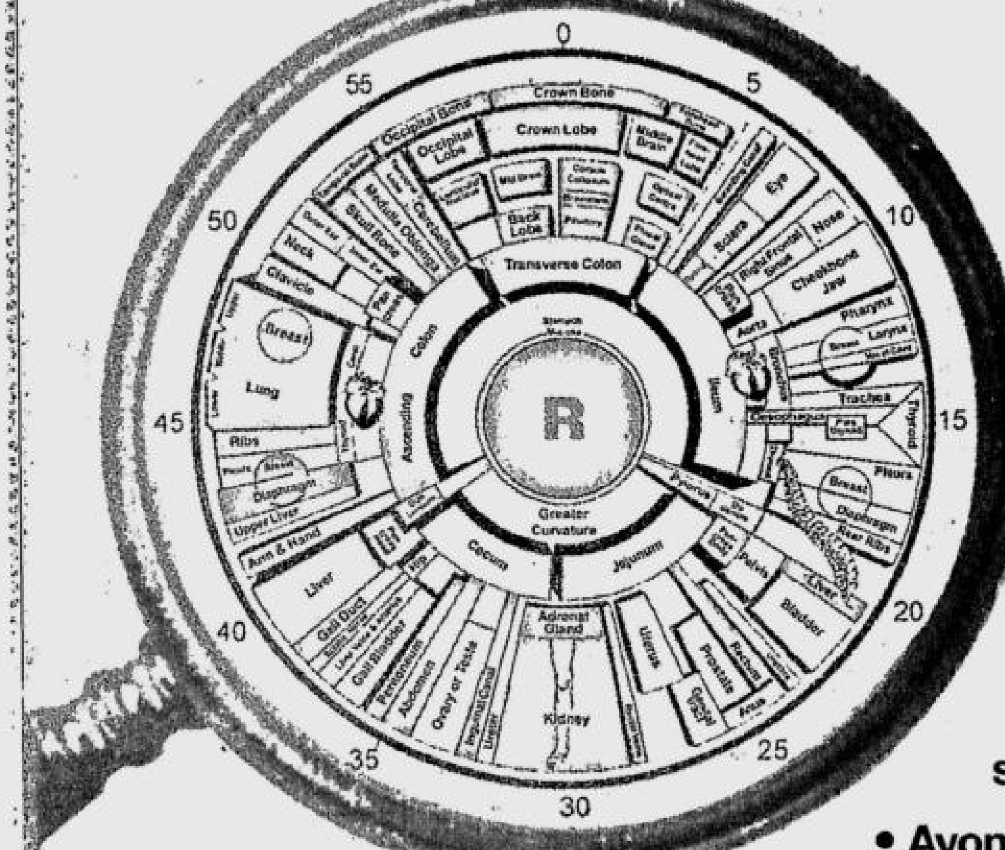

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Permanent international criminal court set up

JUST recently, at the ninth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court (ICC), members of the United Nations formally brought into force the first permanent, independent, international criminal court. The court will prosecute some of the most heinous crimes in recent history: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes of aggression. The commission has surpassed the required 60 ratifications of the Rome Statute, the international treaty creating the ICC, with the submission of the instruments of ratification of seven countries, making a total of 63 countries putting the ICC into force. Forum-Asia congratulates the United Nations for this unprecedented accomplishment in the field of criminal law and international justice.

The ICC is a landmark achievement of the international community in its efforts to address problems of impunity and human rights violations. The ICC will serve as a deterrent to the perpetration of future crimes against humanity and war crimes, while providing a mechanism by which victims of these crimes can seek justice especially if their own governments are unwilling or are unable to prosecute the perpetrators.

Forum-Asia further commends Cambodia, the only Southeast Asian country to become a member of the court's first Assembly of States Parties, and other Asian countries which have ratified the Rome Statute: Tajikistan in Central Asia and Mongolia in Northeastern Asia.

The creation of the court is most significant in Asia, where human rights violations and criminal atrocities continue unabated, particularly in states with weaker justice systems. Unfortunately, most governments in the region have played very minimal roles in the process of establishing the court, remaining largely silent about institutionalizing the court's jurisdiction.

Forum-Asia appeals to governments in the Asian region to pursue domestic processes of ratification, particularly at a time when the world needs an international legal mechanism to combat crimes of aggression and crimes against humanity. In a region struggling to restore peace in numerous conflict situations, we have a strong need for justice and a mechanism with which to achieve it—without it there can be no lasting peace.

Forum-Asia is confident that governments in the region will recognize that there can be no genuine assurance of justice in the region without an effective, permanent and independent International Criminal Court.

—NIZA CONCEPCION, project coordinator, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, 19 Malingap St., Teachers' Village, Quezon City

Protested jungle training base in Limpapa

GEN. Emmanuel Teodosio, co-director of the Balikatan 02-1 war exercises and perhaps of succeeding military operations, by articulating half truths in an allegedly "consultative" session, has outmaneuvered the protests and demands of the people of Limpapa, i.e. the Christians, Muslims and Subanen. Announced recently by him in a Southcom forum, the Balikatan exercises have entered into a lease agreement with the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone and Freeport Authority for the next 50 years for the use of Limpapa land like the jungle training base, supposedly for P1,000 per hectare with an option for renewal for another 25 years.

The Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP) denounces the brazen violations committed by the officials of the Balikatan exercises, the Ecozone and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) against the people of Limpapa. They are now among the increasing number of people who are shouldering the onus of the ongoing war exercises.

Even the superficial economic and social largesse attributed to the Balikatan exercises (in the form of spending splurges, temporary employment, infrastructure projects, children's toys, medical and dental missions) do not make up for the violations of human and peoples' rights spawned by the holding of joint Philippine-US war operations against the Abu Sayyaf.

The Balikatan exercises are also breeding and gradually becoming what they seek to destroy. They are preserving a cesspool of corruption, including the collusion of government and military officials with the Abu Sayyaf.

All people of peace and goodwill have the responsibility to throw off this double burden, this yoke of our people that is the Balikatan exercises. Such an act is a step toward peace and development.

—AURORA PARONG, executive director, Task Force Detainees of the Philippines, 19 Malingap St., Teachers' Village, Diliman, Quezon City

What forensics could have unearthed

THE DISCOVERY Channel had one of my favorite informative programs on Cable TV, "The Medical Detectives." The program highlighted the indispensability of forensic science utilizing the ultramodern technology in solving "mysterious" deaths of crime victims. The deaths were considered "mysterious" because the crime investigators themselves were puzzled or unable to answer, solve, or explain the true causes of such deaths without the help of forensic science. It is not surprising that in the Philippines, the lack of the scientific skills, precision instruments and highly credible investigative agencies have paralyzed our medical experts and crime investigators in uncovering the true causes of death of many crime victims and in unmasking the criminals.

I have heard of husbands murdering their own wives because of insurance money or vice versa. There were also reports about trusted individuals who deliberately poisoned their friends.

After Napoleon Bonaparte died in 1821, many people believed that the cause of his death was "natural." With the advancement of 20th century forensic science in the United States, on the basis of "uncorrupted" body and hair samples of Napoleon, it was already scientifically proven that he was murdered through arsenic poisoning. The suspect was his closest aide. The juries of the US courts have convicted many criminals on the weight of the testimony of the medical detectives who used science as a precision instrument in solving the seemingly unsolvable crimes or uncovering the ostensible causes of deaths. According to a narrator of "The Medical Detectives," the least likely suspects were sometimes the ones who committed the crimes.

With regard to Rico Yan, the declared cause of his death is "mysterious." Because he was at the peak of his career, there can be no doubt there were many "rivals" who envied him and were secretly glad he died. While thousands in the country mourned, we cannot be very certain about the true motives of the few. Could he be another Napoleon Bonaparte? Only the Lord knows.

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No softening on euthanasia

I FIND the title, "Pope softens stand on euthanasia" (PDI, 3/25/02) misleading since what the article actually expresses is the Pope's teaching that the use of extreme measures at all cost is not fully respectful of the patient who has reached the terminal stage. This is in congruence to what the Church has been teaching and has spelled out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 2277 which states, "Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of 'overzealous' treatment." Euthanasia on the other hand is the act of putting an end to the lives of the handicapped, sick or dying persons. In thus stating the above, the Pope is in no way softening his stand on euthanasia (an act morally unacceptable).

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The WORLD

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UN Council backs Madrid peace vision

UNITED NATIONS—The UN Security Council endorsed on Wednesday a statement by major Middle East peace envoys calling on Israel to withdraw fully from Palestinian cities and pressing Palestinian President Yasser Arafat to rein in "terror attacks."

The statement was read at a formal meeting after Arab nations, facing a US veto, put off for now a council vote that would demand an undefined "third-party" presence in the Middle East, an idea long opposed by Israel.

In its Wednesday statement, the 15-member council said it "supports the joint statement issued in Madrid" by the so-called Quartet of envoys from the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations.

The Madrid declaration, which set out a blueprint of what was needed to restore calm to the region, called on Israel to immediately withdraw from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah, where Arafat has been pinned in his offices by Israeli tanks.

The four envoys, including Secretary of State Colin Powell, said Arafat should do all he could "to stop terror attacks against innocent Israelis."

Palestinian UN observer Nasser al-Kidwa said the council move was important because the Quartet statement it embraced "has a whole vision and is more comprehensive than anything the Security Council has done."

Al-Kidwa said Arab states would now hold off on their resolution to see what came out of the Madrid declaration. But he said it would remain at the ready.

Washington, one of five permanent council members with veto power prefers no council resolutions on the Middle East, believing them to be unhelpful.

But in the past few weeks the United States has softened or rewritten three Arab-drafted resolutions so that it would not have to cast a veto and thereby further inflame tensions in the region.

"We think the important point now is to allow Secretary Powell to pursue his very, very important mission in the Middle East," US Ambassador John Negroponte said. ***Reuters***

China alarmed by AIDS spread among Chinese

BEIJING—The government on Thursday announced a 17 percent increase in the number of Chinese infected with the AIDS virus and sharply raised its estimate of the disease's spread, saying up to 850,000 people could be infected and 100,000 might have died.

There are 30,736 people confirmed to be carrying the virus and 1,594 people with full-blown AIDS, though the true number of cases could be as high as 200,000, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The number of confirmed cases was more than 17 percent above the figure announced in mid-2001, while the estimate of people with the virus was more than 40 percent higher than the previous official estimate of 600,000.

The report noted that authorities believe China's official AIDS statistics are far lower than the true figure because of poor reporting by local health officials.

"Experts believe that over half of the 200,000 AIDS patients have lost their lives," Xinhua said.

The report added to growing official candor in recent months about the spread of AIDS in China after years of denying that it was a problem. ***AP***

Ageing talks dogged by Mideast crisis

A NUN takes a stroll through central Madrid, venue of the UN World Conference on ageing April 10. REUTERS

MADRID—An action plan to help care for the world's booming elderly population was held up on Wednesday as the Middle East crisis forced its way onto center-stage at a UN summit on ageing in Madrid.

Arab nations insisted on special consideration for refugees in areas of "foreign occupation"—usually a reference to Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories, in which Israel launched an offensive at the end of March.

The Arab proposal, opposed by Israel and the United States, was among the last stumbling blocks to finalizing the 50-page draft action plan at the UN World Assembly on Ageing.

"The Israeli aggression, with the reoccupation of Palestinian cities, places Palestinians, and ageing Palestinians in particular, in an untenable situation," said Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Fayza Aboulnaga.

"But we are very close to a compromise," Aboulnaga said. "We are doing our best, as far as Egypt is concerned, to make sure this does not derail the conference."

Arab delegates said they may issue a separate statement on the conditions of the elderly in the Middle East conflict.

The draft action plan, due to be finalized by Friday, aims to build consensus among some 160 countries on how to tackle a predicted explosion in the numbers of elderly across the globe.

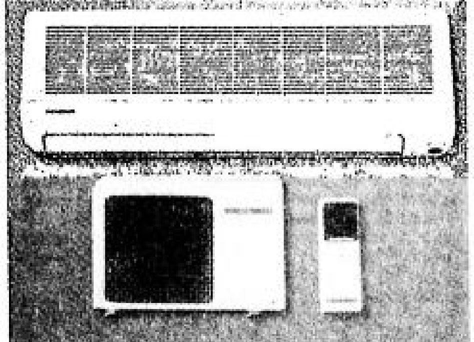
With people living longer and having fewer children, within 50 years there will be more people over 60 than under 15.

The action plan will focus on the need to guarantee income, health care and social services for the elderly.

A draft document includes proposals to reduce "ageist" discrimination.

UN officials said wealthy nations had poured cold water on a proposal from the Group of 77, a grouping of 130 developing countries, for an international fund to finance health and social services for the growing number of elderly.

The Middle East conflict also intruded into a meeting of industry ministers from European Union and Mediterranean countries in the southern Spanish city of Malaga. ***Reuters***



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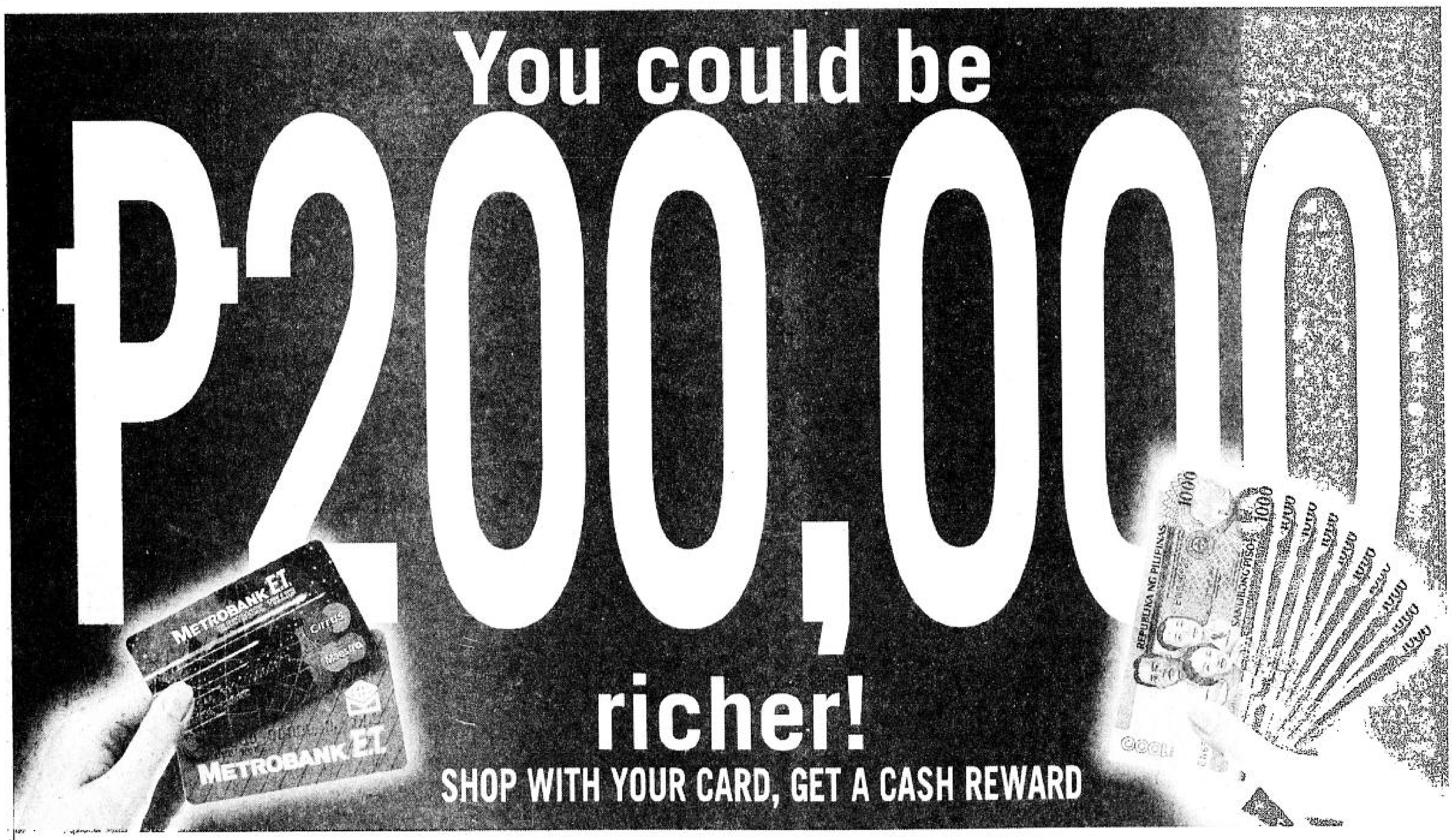

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S. Korea's Kim in hospital

SEOUL—South Korean President Kim Dae-jung was recovering Thursday after being admitted to hospital for exhaustion, the presidential Blue House said.

"The president slept well last night. Even after this limited length of rest, he said he feels much better," Blue House spokesperson Park Sun-sook said.

"On the medical team's recommendation, he's been taking porridge and receiving intravenous fluid injections," she said.

The 76-year-old president was hospitalized late Tuesday to be treated for exhaustion, an upset stomach and a sprained thigh muscle.

The Blue House on Thursday decided the president's work duties had been too heavy and his future duties must be eased. **AFP**

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Opec reassures markets over oil embargo threat

VIENNA—Opec sought Wednesday to reassure world markets by dismissing fears that Iran and Libya could join Iraq in suspending oil exports but admitted supplies could be affected if the Middle East conflict spread.

"I have been officially informed by Iran and Libya that they will not join the embargo," the cartel's head Ali Rodriguez told reporters at the headquarters here of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

But he added: "Supplies can be affected according to the extension of the conflict" in the Middle East. "We hope the conflict will not extend," he told reporters.

Iraq's decision Monday to suspend crude exports for 30 days in retaliation for Israel's West Bank blitz "will not help the Palestinian cause," an Opec source said, adding that Opec remained opposed to "any form of oil embargo."

Iran said Tuesday it would halt oil supplies to countries with ties to Israel "at the appropriate time," after Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called on Arab and Muslim oil producers to implement a "symbolic" one-month embargo in support of the Palestinians.

Libya immediately backed Iran's call "on condition that Arab and Islamic crude producers agree to it." Tehran and Tripoli were exporting oil as usual Wednesday.

In Paris, US Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said Wednesday he understood Saudi Arabia to be prepared to make up any shortfall caused by the Iraqi move.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with French Finance Minister Laurent Fabius, he said: "I reported something to him that he hadn't caught up with, which is, as I understand it, the Saudis apparently are now calculating that they will make up any shortfall."

Oil prices have been volatile in recent trading, driven by concerns that spiraling Middle East violence would jeopardize Gulf crude shipments, although they were stable in London Wednesday.

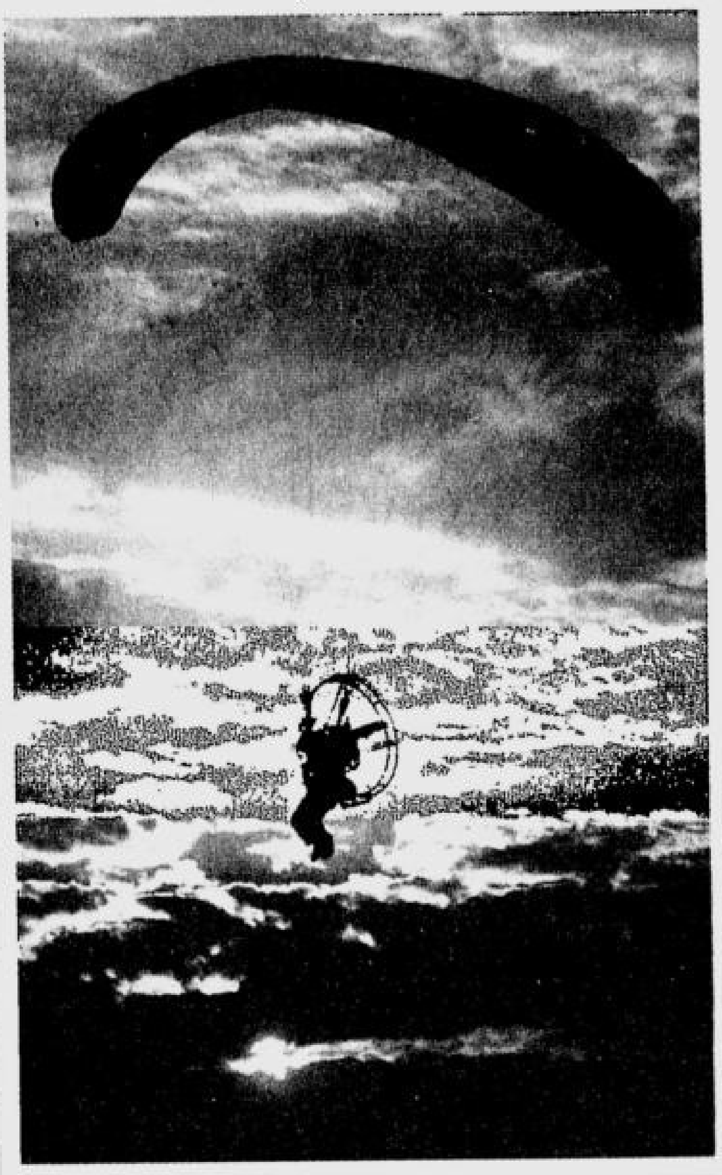
A barrel of Brent North Sea crude for May delivery ticked up 13 cents to $26.21 in early deals. In New York overnight, the May light sweet crude fell 72 cents to $25.82 a barrel.

But Rodriguez blamed the recent surge in oil prices solely on speculation and fears about the Middle East flare-up, saying that supplies were right to meet demand.

"The price hike is only the result of speculation," he said, forecasting that prices will drop when the current Middle East crisis eases.

He added that the 11-member cartel will hold "technical consultations" with non-Opec rivals, including Russia, Norway and Mexico, to advise them not to increase their output to compensate for the Iraqi shortfall.

Norway, the world's third-largest oil exporter, said Wednesday it could renounce a commitment with Opec to reduce petroleum output ahead of the agreed July 1 expiration date because of the currently high price of oil. **AFP**



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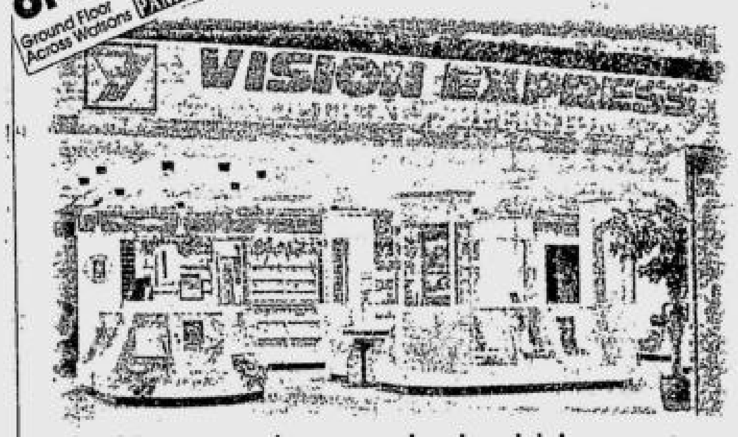

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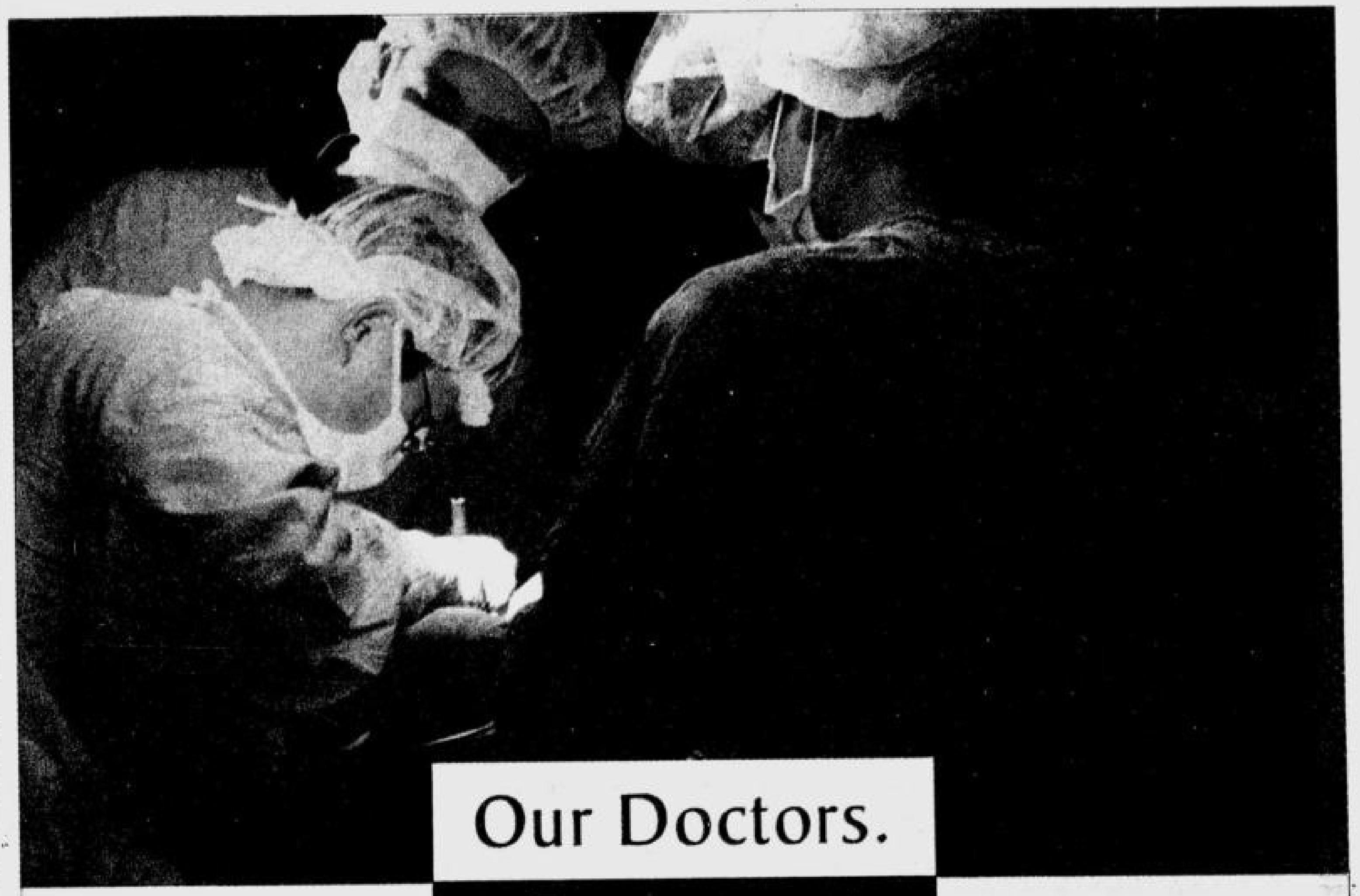

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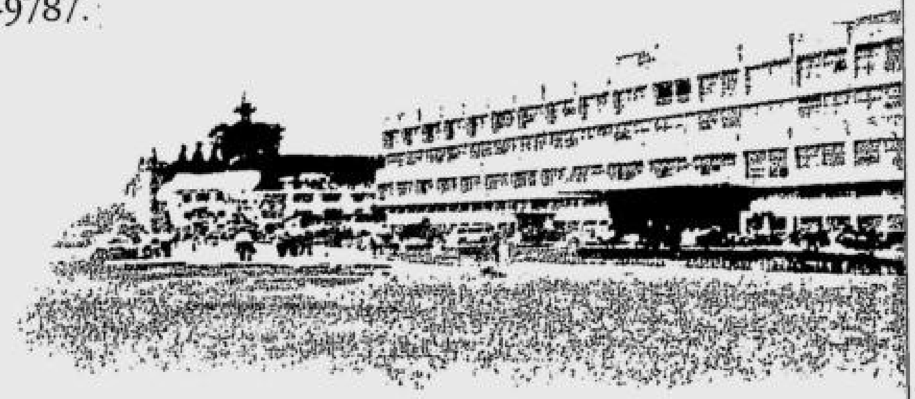

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Blasts rock Zamboanga, Cotabato City; 3 killed

By Hernan P. de la Cruz
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PAGADIAN CITY—Three persons were killed while 12 others were wounded in separate explosions that rocked Zamboanga del Sur and Cotabato City this week.

In Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur, unidentified men threw a grenade into a hut in Barangay East Boyugan on Wednesday night, killing three members of the Legis family.

Brig. Gen. Angel Atutubo, deputy chief of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, said the victims and their host, the Cop family, were about to eat dinner when the grenade blew up.

"We are still trying to establish the identity of those responsible for the attack," Atutubo said.

Sanito Cop, 42, said he was outside the hut when the grenade exploded at around 7:30 p.m.

He identified those killed as Mayton, 22; Frelyn, 18; and Toto, 18, all surnamed Legis.

The fatalities were Victoriana Rubio's children by her first husband. Victoriana, who was wounded, is the sister of Cop's wife Edita.

Also wounded were Lingling Rubio; Federico Cop, 4; Nani Rubio, 12; and Edita herself.

In Cotabato City, seven persons were hurt, two of them serious, when an improvised explosive went off in front of a restaurant where a wedding reception was being held on Thursday.

Senior Supt. Sanggacala Dampac, city police director, said the blast went off at 12:30 p.m. while the ceremony was about to start.

"It could be directed at the wedding visitors but we are still investigating," Dampac told Notre Dame Broadcasting Corp.

The victims were attending the wedding banquet.

Army Capt. Ferdinand Escalante, chief of the 6th Infantry Division's Explosives Ordnance and Disposal Team, said the bomb was fashioned out of a 60-mm mortar shell, the same type of explosives used in recent bomb attacks in the city.

Dampac said the explosive, planted two steps away from the entrance of the Las Hermanas Restaurant on Sinsuat Avenue, blew up while a "Sagayan," a traditional Muslim dance especially performed in weddings, was going on.

He identified the injured as Fahad Campiao, 9; Suharto Alamada, 14; Saudia Fantoa, 17; Bai Tolon Piang, 19; Zainudin Samsodin, 11; Baya Piang, 14; and Ismael Kara, 40, a militiaman.

The victims, all residents of Datu Piang, Maguindanao, were brought to the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center.

The incident was the second bomb attack in Cotabato City in six days.

On April 6, four soldiers serving as escorts of Maguindanao politicians were hurt when an explosive fitted with an 81-mm mortar shell went off inside the compound of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The politicians were then attending a wedding rite.

Recently, explosions, claimed by the Indigenous People's Federal State Army (IPFSA), also hit the city. The group is demanding the establishment of a federal state in Mindanao.

The IPFSA also claimed responsibility for a number of bombs found in Metro Manila last month.

It has warned of more bombings unless the national government accedes to its demand.

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Military gearing for bigger offensive against NPA rebels

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DAVAO CITY—The military is gearing for a bigger offensive against the New People's Army in the aftermath of recent clashes in Davao Oriental that left at least seven soldiers dead.

Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu told reporters here on Tuesday that a directive was already issued to field commanders about the need for a stepped-up offensive against the rebels.

"There are plans of a transition to a bigger operation, not only to run after the NPA (rebels) responsible for the attack on military soldiers in Boston and Cateel (Davao Oriental), but also to destroy its front committees in the adjacent areas," he said.

Cimatu said that as part of the preparations, the military has beefed up the number of soldiers in the area and has tapped the services of paramilitary personnel.

In Boston, police and military officials said it would be better if Congress restores the Internal Security Act otherwise known as the anti-subversion law. Without the law, they said, it has become harder for them to go after rebels.

"We have the most serious insurgency problem in Southeast Asia and yet we don't even have an internal security law. It is an irony really that to bring down or topple the government is not considered a heinous crime (in this country)," Supt. Catalino Cuy, Davao Oriental police director, said.

SOUTHERN Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu pins a medal on Pfc. Brixio Novesteras of the Army's 60th Infantry Battalion, who was one of the 12 soldiers wounded during a fierce battle between the military and New People's Army rebels in Boston, Davao Oriental, last week. RYAN LIM/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Once the anti-subversion law is restored, solving the insurgency will be easier, Cuy said. The law was repealed during the Ramos administration.

"With the repeal of the anti-subversion law, you cannot charge a New People's Army rebel for his being a rebel. We can only charge them (rebels) of common crimes such as illegal possession of firearms or murder," Cuy said.

A military official said the repeal of the anti-subversion law "only empowered the communist rebels to take control of the government."

"Look, they now have representatives in Congress. It is possible that in the near future, we will be having a government run by (communist party chief) Joma Sison. And we could not allow that to happen," the official, who requested anonymity, said.

The NPA's Conrado Heredia Command here said the restoration of the anti-subversion law would lead to chaos.

"Once the anti-subversion law is restored, it will lead to more chaos. It will be like restoring the dreaded martial law period. There will be more military abuses, there will be more innocent people summarily executed on suspicion that they are NPA rebels," a spokesperson for the rebel group said.

Sayyaf 'leader' claims mall fires

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—An alleged Abu Sayyaf leader based here said his group was responsible for the burning of at least two malls and several establishments in the city.

Abu Muslim Alghazie, who introduced himself as head of the Abu Sayyaf's local special operations group, told the Radio Mindanao Network's dxMD station that his group was also responsible for the foiled attempt to raze Gaisano Mall.

But local government, police and military officials doubted Alghazie's claim, saying he might just be "riding on the issue to gain prominence and to sow terror."

Mayor Pedro Acharon Jr. appealed to the public not to believe Alghazie's statement.

He said police and military personnel were still investigating the burning.

"*Walang ibang grupong* responsible *kundi kami. Kami ang* responsible *para hindi n'yo na pagbintangan ang* MILF *at* Pentagon (No other group was responsible but us, so you will no longer put the blame on the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Pentagon kidnap gang)," Alghazie said.

Alghazie's group earlier sent extortion letters to owners of the burnt stores. The letters demanded payment of P500,000.

Despite Alghazie's letters, Director General Leandro Mendoza, Philippine National Police chief, said he was not convinced that the Abu Sayyaf was operating in General Santos.

He told local reporters during a recent visit that the letters were sent after the fire hit Kimball Plaza and KCC Mall.

Earlier, Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu confirmed that the bandit group has maintained a number of followers in South Cotabato and in nearby Sarangani. ***Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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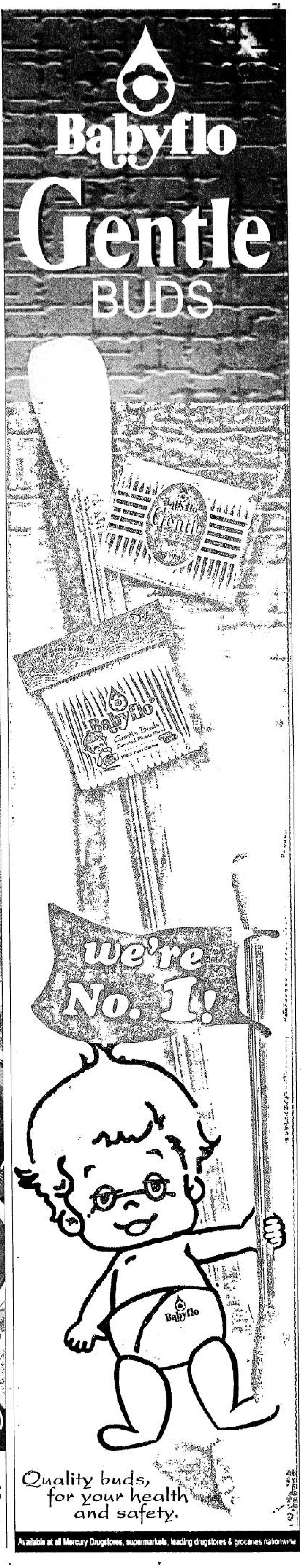
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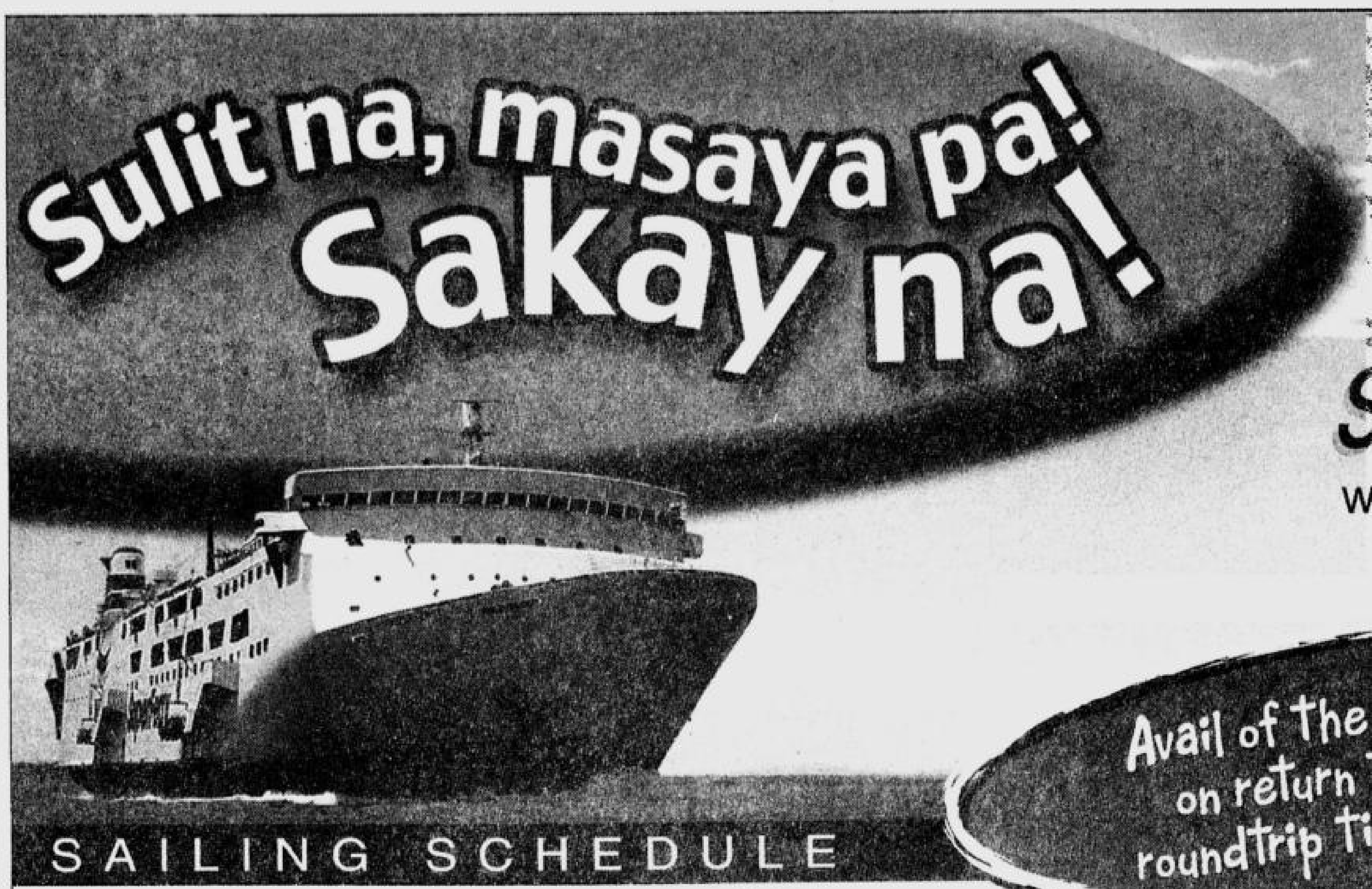

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	THU	11:00 pm	SF 14	P4	SAT	10:00 am	PUNTOD
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	TUE	3:00 pm	SF 12	P4	WED	11:59 am	CIP
	THU	7:00 pm	SF 12	P4	FRI	4:00 pm	CIP
	SUN	9:00 am	SF 12	P4	MON	6:00 am	CIP
CORON	FRI	4:00 pm	OLOM	P4	SAT	6:00 am	CORON
COTABATO	SAT	10:00 am	SF 2/5/9	P4	MON	5:30 am	POLLOC
DAVAO	MON	2:00 pm	SF 1/8	P14	WED	6:00 pm	SASA
	SAT	10:00 am	SF 1/8	P14	MON	5:00 pm	SASA
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DUMAGUETE	MON	11:59 pm	OLOM	P14	WED	11:00 am	DGT
	WED	11:59 pm	SF 2/5/9	P4	FRI	4:00 am	DGT
DUMAGUIT	MON	6:00 pm	OLOL	P4	TUE	9:30 am	DUM
	WED	2:00 pm	OLOL	P4	THU	5:30 am	DUM
	SAT	2:00 pm	OLOL	P4	SUN	5:30 am	DUM
GEN. SANTOS	MON	2:00 pm	SF 1/8	P14	WED	8:00 am	MAKAR
	SAT	10:00 am	SF 1/8	P14	MON	7:00 am	MAKAR
ILIGAN	THU	8:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	P14	SAT	9:00 am	ILI
	SUN	9:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	P4	TUE	10:00 am	ILI
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	SAT	10:00 am	SF 2/5/9	P4	SUN	6:00 pm	ZAMBO

From BACOLOD

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
	DAY	TIME	VESSEL	PIER	DAY	TIME	PIER
CAGAYAN	FRI	9:00 pm	SF 14	BREDCO	SAT	10:00 am	PUNTOD
ILIGAN	MON	6:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	BREDCO	TUE	10:00 am	ILI
OZAMIZ	MON	8:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	BREDCO	TUE	2:00 pm	OZA
MANILA	WED	3:30 pm	SF 14	BREDCO	THU	11:00 am	P4
	SUN	2:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	BREDCO	MON	11:00 am	P4

From CAGAYAN de ORO

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
	DAY	TIME	VESSEL	PIER	DAY	TIME	PIER
BACOLOD	TUE	11:59 pm	SF 14	PUNTOD	WED	1:00 pm	BREDCO
DUMAGUETE	FRI	11:59 pm	SF 2/5/9	PUNTOD	SAT	6:00 am	DGT
ILOILO	SAT	7:00 pm	SF 14	PUNTOD	SUN	8:00 am	SNPED
MANILA	TUE	11:59 pm	SF 14	PUNTOD	THU	11:00 am	P4
	FRI	11:59 pm	SF 2/5/9	PUNTOD	SUN	11:00 am	P4
	SAT	7:00 pm	SF 14	PUNTOD	MON	5:00 am	P4

From CEBU

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
	DAY	TIME	VESSEL	PIER	DAY	TIME	PIER
NASIPIT	TUE	9:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	CIP	WED	11:00 am	NAS
SURIGAO	TUE	9:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	CIP	WED	4:30 am	SUR
MANILA	MON	11:59 am	SF 12	CIP	TUE	9:00 am	P4
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	FRI	8:00 pm	SF 12	CIP	SAT	5:00 pm	P4
	SUN	9:00 am	SF 1/8	CIP	MON	7:00 am	P14

From CORON

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
	DAY	TIME	VESSEL	PIER	DAY	TIME	PIER
P. PRINCESA	SAT	7:00 am	OLOM	CORON	SAT	8:00 pm	PPS
MANILA	SUN	11:00 pm	OLOM	CORON	MON	1:00 pm	P14

From COTABATO

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
	DAY	TIME	VESSEL	PIER	DAY	TIME	PIER
ILOILO	MON	11:59 am	SF 2/5/9	POLLOC	TUE	2:00 pm	SNPED
ZAMBOANGA	MON	11:59 am	SF 2/5/9	POLLOC	MON	8:30 pm	ZAMBO
MANILA	MON	11:59 am	SF 2/5/9	POLLOC	WED	1:00 pm	P4

From DAVAO

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
	DAY	TIME	VESSEL	PIER	DAY	TIME	PIER
GEN. SANTOS	MON	11:00 pm	SF 1/8	SASA	TUE	7:00 am	MAKAR
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From DIPOLOG

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
	DAY	TIME	VESSEL	PIER	DAY	TIME	PIER
TAGBILARAN	SUN	11:59 pm	OLOS	DIP	MON	6:00 am	TAGBI
MANILA	SUN	11:59 pm	OLOS	DIP	TUE	5:00 pm	P14

From DUMAGUETE

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
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CAGAYAN	FRI	6:00 am	SF 2/5/9	DGT	FRI	11:59 am	PUNTOD
TAGBILARAN	WED	4:00 pm	OLOM	DGT	WED	7:00 pm	TAGBI
MANILA	WED	4:00 pm	OLOM	DGT	FRI	4:00 am	P4
	SAT	9:00 am	SF 2/5/9	DGT	SUN	11:00 am	P4

From DUMAGUIT

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
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ROXAS	TUE	11:00 am	OLOL	DUM	TUE	12:30 pm	CULASI
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MANILA	TUE	7:00 pm	OLOL	DUM	WED	9:00 am	P4
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From GEN. SANTOS

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
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DAVAO	MON	9:00 am	SF 1/8	MAKAR	MON	5:00 pm	SASA
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From ILIGAN

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
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BACOLOD	SAT	10:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	ILI	SUN	11:59 am	BREDCO
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MANILA	TUE	11:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	ILI	THU	5:00 am	P14
	SAT	10:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	ILI	MON	11:00 am	P4

From ILOILO

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
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	WED	11:59 am	SF 1/8	SNPED	THU	7:00 am	P14
	SUN	10:00 am	SF 14	SNPED	MON	5:00 am	P4

From MASBATE

TO	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL		
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PALOMPON	WED	8:00 pm	OLOS	MBT	THU	3:00 am	PAL
MANILA	THU	4:00 pm	OLOS	MBT	FRI	11:00 am	P14

From NASIPIT / BUTUAN

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	SAT	4:00 pm	SF 1/8	NAS	SUN	6:00 am	CIP
SURIGAO	WED	11:59 pm	SF 2/5/9	NAS	THU	5:00 am	SUR
	SAT	4:00 pm	SF 1/8	NAS	SAT	8:00 pm	SUR
MANILA	WED	11:59 pm	SF 2/5/9	NAS	FRI	6:00 pm	P4
	SAT	4:00 pm	SF 1/8	NAS	MON	7:00 am	P14

From OZAMIZ

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ILIGAN	TUE	7:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	OZA	TUE	9:00 pm	ILI
	SAT	6:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	OZA	SAT	8:00 pm	ILI
MANILA	TUE	7:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	OZA	THU	5:00 am	P14
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MANILA	THU	7:00 am	OLOS	PAL	FRI	11:00 am	P14

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CORON	SUN	9:00 am	OLOM	PPS	SUN	10:00 pm	CORON
MANILA	SUN	9:00 am	OLOM	PPS	MON	1:00 pm	P14

From ROXAS

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	THU	12:30 pm	OLOL	CULASI	THU	2:00 pm	DUM
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	SAT	5:00 am	SF 1/8	SUR	SAT	9:00 am	NAS
MANILA	THU	9:00 am	SF 2/5/9	SUR	FRI	6:00 pm	P4
	SAT	11:00 pm	SF 1/8	SUR	MON	7:00 am	P14

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DUMAGUETE	WED	8:00 am	OLOM	TAGBI	WED	11:00 am	DGT
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DAVAO	TUE	8:00 pm	SF 1/8	ZAMBO	WED	8:00 pm	SASA
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ILOILO	MON	11:00 pm	SF 2/5/9	ZAMBO	TUE	2:00 pm	SNPED
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Cordillera musicians fall prey to piracy

By Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Cordillera musicians were surprised to discover recently that even their independently produced albums have been illegally copied in cassette tapes and distributed by itinerant vendors here and in other parts of the region.

The musicians said most of the albums financed by independent local producers were sold at a package of three tapes for P100 in Baguio, Ifugao, Mt. Province and the town centers along the Halsema Highway, which links this city to interior areas of the Cordillera.

Members of Salidummay, a Baguio-based alternative band, said they have started to track down the people behind the piracy.

Mary Carling, a member of the Dap-ayan ti Kultura ti Kordilyera (DKK), a non-government organization which produced Salidummay's albums, said they could not initiate any legal action because they do not know the people involved in the illegal copying of the tapes.

"But piracy is an indication that (our music) is being patronized. In a way, it helps us popularize our music," Carling said.

Salidummay has produced five albums since it was formed in 1987.

Crisanto Pangod, of Natonin, Mt. Province, said the pirated copies of Salidummay's first album, "Salidummay," was a hit among Bontocs and Kankanaeys in Mt. Province.

"Residents always look for Salidummay's first album because its sound is closest to the traditional *salidummay* sung by the community. The album features the sound of gongs and bamboo instruments and chants," Pangod said.

"*Salidummay*" is a popular chant among the tribal villages in the Cordillera and sung in community gatherings.

The original "Salidummay" tapes are sold at P150 each, while the pirated copies are sold at P50.

Carling said the original copies of the tape are available in offices of non-government organizations, art galleries and schools here. Copies are also sold in souvenir and coffee shops in Sagada, Mt. Province.

She said DKK produces only 2,000 copies of every album. "In terms of sales, we are not losing. We have markets in the United States, Hong Kong, Japan and Europe handled by our partner cultural groups. In the Cordillera, we believe that alternative music could compete with other types of music like folk, country and Western that most Igorots patronize," Carling said.

Judy Cariño, Salidummay musical director, said their information showed that the illegal copying of local alternative records started in the 1990s.

She said they would even ask vendors where the tapes came from but the vendors were tight-lipped.

SENATE PUBLIC HEARING

Basilan folk testify on abuses

By Julie S. Alipala
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ISABELA CITY—Emotions ran high during a Senate public hearing on alleged human rights abuses in Basilan on Wednesday as relatives of victims and survivors narrate how they were treated by soldiers pursuing Abu Sayyaf bandits.

Hadja Anisa Anggulo, 60, mother of coconut farmer Ernie Anggulo, claimed that soldiers of the 2nd Marine Brigade under Col. Renato Miranda slaughtered her son on suspicion of being an Abu Sayyaf member.

"My son went missing on Sept. 23 (last year). When we finally found him, he was already dead. His genitals and tongue were removed and his bones were broken. They were so inhuman," a hysterical Anggulo told the Senate committee on human rights led by Sen. Francis Pangilinan.

The public hearing was held at the Isabela State College gymnasium here on Wednesday morning.

Anggulo identified the soldiers responsible for the death of her son as Col. Orlando de Leon, a certain Captain Hontiveros and a Lieutenant Espinosa.

Baira Bagsik Kasim, 30, told the committee that members of the Army's 7th Scout Ranger Company arrested her brother Uliling on Sept. 9 in Barangay Kapayawan here.

That was the last time he was seen, she said.

"My brother is abnormal and ignorant. He is epileptic. Until now, we do not know his whereabouts. We don't know if he is already dead or still alive. The Scout Rangers are silent on our appeal," Kasim said.

Four other people made similar allegations.

Pangilinan said his immediate impression was that there were indeed cases of human rights violations in Basilan, "but we have to confirm and verify these allegations first."

Sen. Rene Cayetano, a member of the committee, said that even as the government needed to crush the Abu Sayyaf, its utmost concern should be to protect the civilians.

Military officers admitted that this was not the first time it dealt with charges of human rights violations allegedly committed by soldiers.

Maj. General Glicerio Sua, chief of the Task Force Comet, told the Senate committee that the military already acted on some of the charges.

Sua said two soldiers were demoted to two ranks lower while another was discharged from the service.

"It has been our standing policy that the people's rights should be respected all the time. In fact, the rule among our soldiers during operations is that it will not be good to annihilate the bandits if we get the ire of the civilian populace," he said.

Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu, Southern Command chief, said that "in all rules of engagement, we, our soldiers strictly adhere to human rights."

Col. Alexander Aleo, commander of the Army's 103rd Infantry Brigade, welcomed the conduct of the Senate hearing.

"This is the only avenue where we can air our side, so that we will be vindicated in the event the findings show that we had not committed any abuses against the civilians," he said.

Aleo said he was confident that the Senate would eventually absolve the military.

"It's very natural and common for the families of suspected Abu Sayyaf members to cry foul. We do understand, but this is war against the bandits and our mission is to eliminate the banditry that has stalked and terrorized the people for more than a decade now," he said.

Sen. Robert Barbers said the committee might be holding one or two more hearings before it can come up with a report on its findings.

Journalists' group denounces abduction of Arlyn

BAGUIO CITY—After the INQUIRER and the Inq7.net published on Monday an "open letter" of abducted broadcast journalist Arlyn de la Cruz, a national organization of journalists has taken up the cudgels for her.

De la Cruz said she was abducted by armed men in Sulu more than two months ago.

"We call upon various power blocs, armed elements, especially the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Moro revolutionary groups to (help) secure Arlyn's release from whoever is keeping her in captivity whether in anger or for ransom," the National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP) said.

In a statement sent by electronic mail to NUJP members on Tuesday, the NUJP stressed that De la Cruz's abduction was "the major issue here" as a criminal act.

"Any issue or speculation, which justifies her (De la Cruz's) abduction or any imagined transgressions can never be enough reasons for her to suffer in the hands of her abductors," it said.

The statement was signed by Ares Gutierrez, NUJP national director, and Edgar Cadagat, NUJP Committee to Protect Journalists chair.

In her letter sent to a Manila-based university professor and forwarded to Inq7.net and the INQUIRER, De la Cruz appealed to media colleagues to "seek the complete story" and hear her out to tell her side if she ever survives the threats and danger to her life.

De la Cruz was last seen at the Orchid Garden Hotel in Zamboanga City on Jan. 19.

Inq7.net editor Fe Zamora reported on Monday that De la Cruz was "waylaid" by a group of military integrees who thought she was in Jolo to deliver the ransom for American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham.

The group reportedly killed De la Cruz's guide, a young Abu Sayyaf member. ***Maurice Malanes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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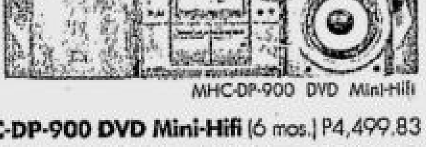

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PGMA Launches ₱150-Billion BAY CITY Project

Inaugurates P1-Billion President Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard

With President Arroyo at the unveiling of the Bay City marker are (from left): Cyber Bay Vice President Ambassador Reynaldo Arcilla, PEA Chairman Ernest F.O. Villareal, SM Investments Chairman Henry Sy, Sr., Metrobank Chairman George Ty, Asiaworld Chairman Jesus Typoco, Asiaworld President Nelia Gonzales and R-1 Consortium Managing Director Delfin Wenceslao, Jr.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo led the launching of the P150-billion infrastructure and urban development project dubbed as Bay City, a flagship project of the national government through the Public Estates Authority (PEA) in partnership with the country's top property developers, on April 5, 2002.

Bay City encompasses the 1,500-hectare reclaimed area along the coast of Manila Bay covering the stretch of Roxas Boulevard from the Cultural Center of the Philippines up to the Coastal Road-Cavite Area.

President Arroyo also inaugurated the President Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, a 5.5-kilometer, eight-lane thoroughfare that will make Bay City accessible to public commuters and ease traffic congestion on Roxas Boulevard.

On hand to assist the President were the members of the Manila Bay Developers Association, especially SM Investments, Inc., Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, Pasay-Hongkong Realty Development Corporation, R-1 Consortium, AsiaWorld Properties Philippines Corporation, Manila Bay Development Corporation and Cyber Bay Corporation.

Cradled by historic Manila Bay and its world-famous sunset, Bay City is committed tothe principles of sustainable development and environmental protection.

Complete with full-infrastructure support such as roads, power, telecommunications and other utilities, Bay City is an ideal gateway for investments and commerce. World-class establishments already in operation are the Metrobank's Le Pavillon, the Toyota showroom, MBDC's Uniwide mall and Asiaworld's Golden Bay Condominiums. The shrine constructed by Shoemart known as Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life is now offering regular masses for the public.

Projected to be the biggest investment in Bay City is the ongoing negotiation between PEA and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) for the development of the 57-hectare Entertainment City or E-City project which will have three casinos and six theme parks.

President Arroyo is welcomed by PEA Chairman Ernest F.O. Villareal (center) and PEA General Manager Benjamin V. Cariño.

MBDC President George Chua is introduced to President Arroyo by Chairman Villareal.

President Arroyo with her brothers Arturo Macapagal and Diosdado Macapagal Jr. unveil the street sign of the President Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard.

With President Arroyo at the inauguration of the President Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard are (from left): DILG Secretary Jose D. Lina Jr., DOT Secretary Richard Gordon, DENR Secretary Heherson Alvarez, DPWH Secretary Simeon Datumanong, PEA Chairman Villareal and PEA General Manager Cariño. Also present are: Executive Secretary Alberto G. Romulo, Department of Education Secretary Raul S. Roco, Defense Secretary Angelo T. Reyes, Justice Secretary Hernando B. Perez, DSWD Secretary Corazon Soliman, recently appointed Supreme Court Justice Renato C. Corona and Presidential Adviser Marita Magpili-Jimenez.

The President acknowledges the birthday token of the Bay City property developers.

Some of the PEA officers and staff who helped organize the event.

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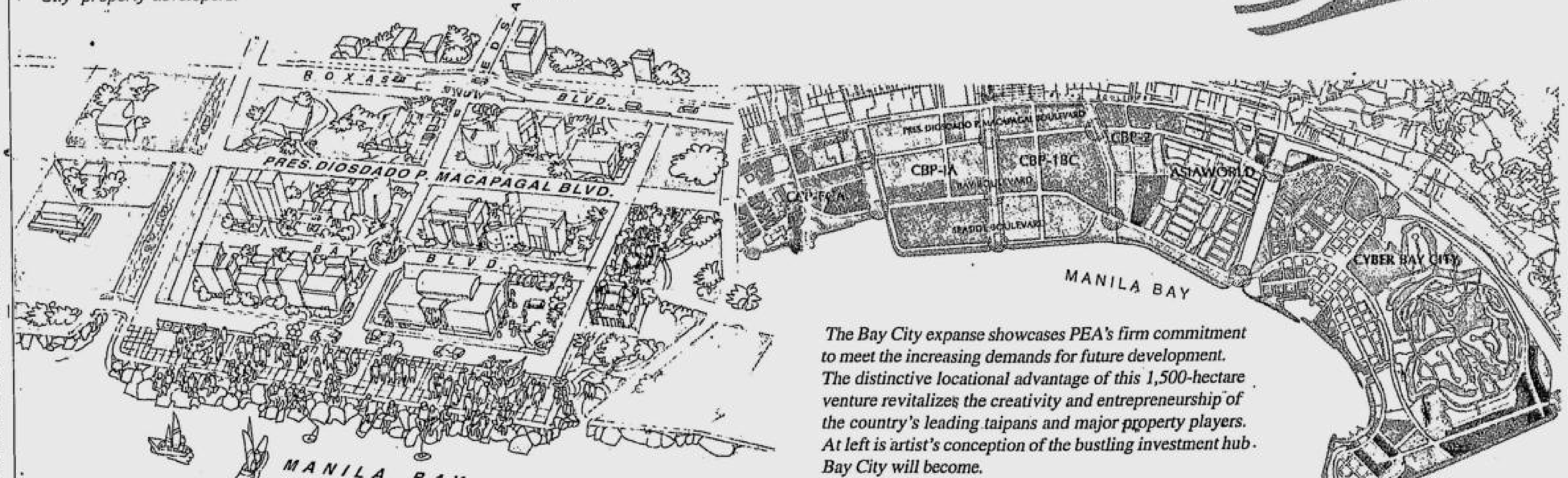

The Bay City expanse showcases PEA's firm commitment to meet the increasing demands for future development. The distinctive locational advantage of this 1,500-hectare venture revitalizes the creativity and entrepreneurship of the country's leading taipans and major property players. At left is artist's conception of the bustling investment hub Bay City will become.

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‘Where are you, Mama?’

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for life vests as flames raced through the ship at about 7:20 a.m. yesterday, and people who came up empty-handed had to leap into the sea without one, survivors said.

"The flames were just a meter away from me and I grabbed my son and we jumped into the water," Salubre told reporters at a hospital where he, his son and many of the 219 people who survived were being treated for burns, shock and other injuries.

Latest tragedy

It was the latest sea tragedy in a country, which holds the record for the world's worst peacetime maritime accident. In 1987, about 4,000 people died in a collision between the ferry Doña Paz and an oil tanker.

As of 6 p.m. yesterday, 220 of the ship's 243 passengers had been rescued. As of 8 p.m., the actual body count from two funeral parlors in Lucena had reached 22, with reports of at least two more bodies in an unidentified funeral parlor still unconfirmed.

The passenger-cargo ship, which caught fire in Tayabas Bay 15 kilometers off the coastal village of Dalahican, was also carrying 14 vehicles, copra (dried coconut meat), cows and other livestock, and other cargo.

Sources at the Quezon Memorial Hospital, St. Anne Hospital and Medical Mission Group identified six of the victims as Shiela Zaragoza, 7, of Caloocan City; Ellamay Arindain, 7, with no known address; Nica Ann Verdida, 7, Cawayan, Masbate; Babylyn Odag, 38, no known address; Clarita Banez, 7, and Olimpio Almanzor.

Aries Atendido, another passenger, said many people were caught by surprise by a sudden explosion below the second deck.

"Suddenly there were fires from below. So we just jumped into the sea," he told the INQUIRER. He said all of his five companions were rescued by fishing boats.

Lighted cigarette

According to some of the survivors, the fire was started when someone threw a lighted cigarette in the direction of the sacks of copra.

"It got hot. Then there were flames. Then the fire reached the vehicles," Juanito Asperonia told reporters in Filipino while being treated at the Quezon Memorial Hospital.

Supt. Primo Rivera, head of the PNP Maritime Police in the region, said he had heard of the allegation but quickly added that authorities were still conducting a thorough probe of the fire.

The survivors' stories were stark. As passengers scrambled for life vests, one jacket was ripped loose from the crowd and fell into flames near a stair, Salubre said.

"I grabbed it and put it on," the 45-year-old officer at a private security agency said.

By that time, the flames had spread across the 680-ton ship and people were shouting: "Let's jump, go and jump," he said.

After jumping into the sea with his son clutched to his chest, Salubre said he saw a fishing boat appear.

"We waved our arms at the boat and everyone was shouting, 'Help, help'. . . In a few minutes, we were picked up."

"I looked back and I saw our ship all in flames . . . When we reached shore, all I could do was cry. I have run out of tears crying for my wife and my daughter."

Juanito Capareno did not have a life vest on when he jumped into the sea but survived by clinging to a rope thrown at him.

Coast Guard officials said the fatalities included passengers who drowned because they did not know how to swim.

Survivors said they had been cruising on a calm sea and all was well until just before 7 a.m. when they saw smoke billowing from the cargo hold.

"It smelt like weeds were burning," Derapite said.

"Then we saw the smoke, it was getting bigger, and that was when people panicked. I ran up to the upper deck and then I was told to go back down. I slipped but my son picked me up."

With a life vest on, she jumped some 30 feet into the sea, hitting the water feet first.

"I don't know how to swim. I just floated on my back, kicking my feet like I was pedalling a bicycle," she said.

"There were two people near me. One was a fat man and the other was a woman. They were just floating face down in the water. I knew they were dead . . . I just kept on praying: 'Lord, help me, do not forsake me."

Derapite said she had not seen her 19-year-old son since she abandoned ship. "He is safe, I know. God will protect him."

Volunteers rescue

Noly Yu, owner of several fishing vessels, said he immediately dispatched all of his men and his available fishing vessels.

"I saw the smoke. I knew that a ship was burning," he said in Filipino.

Rivera told reporters that had it not been for the immediate rescue operation conducted by the maritime group, the Coast Guard, and several other fishing vessels in the area, there could have been more casualties in the second sea tragedy here.

Another passenger ship, the MV Sta. Cruz from the island of Marinduque, was passing by chance and was also able to rescue some passengers.

In 1997, a similar passenger-cargo ship also caught fire, a couple of kilometers away from the Dalahican port. Most of the passengers died from drowning.

Reporters here found it hard to secure the total number of casualties and their identities, since according to the authorities, they were still collecting the total figures from all the government agencies involved in the rescue operation.

"We are still in the process of collecting the complete information. We just want to avoid confusion," Rivera said..

Supt. Danny Ramon Siongco, Lucena City police chief, said they had created a centralized monitoring center to conduct data recording and assist the victims and their relatives.

As of late afternoon, the Coast Guard and Maritime police were still combing the coastal areas near the site of the accident.

"There could be some passengers that have been rescued by fishermen," Siongco said.

Authorities declined to comment on the possible cause of the fire.

Lt. Joeven L. Fabul, operations officer of the PCG district in Bicol, said MV Maria Carmela of the Montenegro Shipping Lines based in Batangas left Masbate City at 8 p.m., Wednesday, bound for Lucena City with 243 passengers and 22 crew members.

Fabul said it was reported burning at about 7:30 a.m. yesterday.

He said the first big vessel to arrive at the scene of the incident was a Montenegro ship, which summoned the navy for an emergency rescue operation.

The navy vessels, which immediately steamed for a rescue operation, were the PG141 (gunboat) and the PS (Philippine Ship) 19.

Fabul said local fishermen in small outrigger canoes immediately arrived at the scene.

Fabul said that aside from determining the cause of the fire, the PCG would also require Montenegro Shipping Lines to submit a Marine Protest report, which is a full report by the captain of the MV Maria Carmela surrounding the incident.

He said the PCG would also closely scrutinize if the ill-fated ship's crewmembers, from the captain down to the lowest ranked, are duly licensed and have complied with every requirement mandated by law.

"But as far as the coast guard is concerned, our Masbate City station has fully inspected the vessel before it was allowed to sail," he said. ***With reports from AFP, Reuters, AP***

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July 17, 1991	MV Emerald	86	Mantuka Point
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May 1995	Viva Antipolo IV	44	Near port Lucena
Feb.y 18, 1996	ML Gretchen I	53	Cadiz City
Sept. 18,1998	Princess of the Orient	150	Near Cavite and Batangas
Dec. 23, 1999	MV Asia-South Korea	44	Southern Cebu
Feb. 25, 2000	Our Lady of Mediatrix	45	Ozamiz City
April 12, 2000	Ferry Anahada	56	Sulu

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Tiglao takes break for 6 months to teach in Japan

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What you see is what you get," Ang said.

Tiglao said he was fulfilling a commitment he made with the Kyoto University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies before he joined the government last year as spokesperson for President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"I am convinced that this fellowship will also be an opportunity for me to refresh my intellectual, spiritual and even physical resources," Tiglao said.

Ms Macapagal has designated Secretary Silvestre "Yongyong" Afable Jr., head of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), as officer in charge of the Office of the Press Secretary during Tiglao's absence.

Afable, principal speechwriter of Ms Macapagal, will be assisted by Press Undersecretary Manuel Sanchez in announcing and explaining the policies and decisions of the President.

Tiglao's leave comes barely two weeks after he was appointed press secretary. He has yet to be confirmed by the Commission on Appointments.

He said Tiglao was allowed by the President to go on leave in order for the former not to forfeit his chance of availing himself of a fellowship program at Kyoto University.

"While the fellowship term is for six months, I will do my best to finish its requirements in three months' time," Tiglao said.

As a visiting fellow, he will do research on the early years of the Marcos regime, particularly on how the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos co-opted the bureaucracy.

Tiglao will also deliver lectures on developments in the Philippines to emphasize that things are looking up in the country. "I cannot escape my patriotism," he said.

He said he was grateful to Ms Macapagal for giving him the discretion to fulfill his commitment with the Kyoto University.

Tiglao said the fellowship "will ultimately result in my being more capable of serving our people and the President."

In what sounded like a valedictory, he said: "I appreciate very much the President's trust and confidence in me this past 12 months, and for giving me the rarest of opportunities to serve our people."

In an interview, Afable said his work as PMS chief was closely related to "information campaign" as the PMS dealt with policy issues.

Afable said he would brief the media "once in a while" on policy concerns while Sanchez would do the "routine" announcements.

Before his appointment as PMS chief in early January, Afable held the rank of undersecretary at the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process.

He was also a former undersecretary in the Department of National Defense, and consultant to the National Security Council and the offices of former Batangas Rep. Eduardo Ermita and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

Afable has a BS Biology degree from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. He also took a business administration course at the Ateneo de Manila University.

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Enraged Sharon tells US: Don't push us

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where the Israelis claimed control of the refugee camp after a week of fierce fighting that, they said, left more than 100 Palestinian fighters dead.

He said Israel would need patience to win control over certain militant strongholds.

"We cannot leave a trace of terror behind. We must do this here (in Jenin)," Sharon said, adding that this was also true of Nablus and of Ramallah, which houses the besieged headquarters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Nonetheless, Israel pulled out of three West Bank villages on Wednesday night—Kabatiyeh and Yatta in the north and Al-Samoha in the south, Israel's defense ministry said in a statement.

'We need time'

Sharon said he would begin peace negotiations with the Palestinians only after the military operation was complete.

"It takes time. It needs time. In order to start political negotiations, we need time to do this," he said.

He pronounced himself ready to discuss terms of a potential ceasefire, but stressed that he saw "no possibility of negotiating peace under fire."

Later Wednesday, around 1,000 Jewish settlers demonstrated outside the US consulate in Jerusalem against US pressure on Israel.

They hoisted placards saying, "Bush don't push" and "Bush trades Jewish blood for Arab oil," in reference to US President George W. Bush.

Behind a platform from which various people spoke, a large poster of Arafat and presumed terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden was labeled "the twins."

Norman Blaustein, an Israeli of American origin who lost his wife in an attack, said Israel was doing nothing more than pursuing its consistent policy of eradicating terrorism.

"Pressure on the government of Ariel Sharon should cease," he said.

Much later, around 10 ultra-orthodox settlers tried to enter Jerusalem's King David hotel, where US peace envoy Anthony Zinni was meeting Palestinian officials, a demonstrator said.

Sharon's tough line was delivered hours after a Palestinian blew himself up and killed eight passengers on a morning rush-hour bus in Haifa, the first such attack on Israel in nine days.

Israeli officials said the attack strengthened their resolve to pursue their drive on the West Bank, which Sharon said held "thousands of terrorists with a tremendous quantity of weapons and explosives."

Jenin

Before the suicide blast, Israel had been reeling from the deaths of 15 soldiers Tuesday on the northern West Bank, mostly in the Jenin refugee camp.

It was the Israeli army's largest one-day loss in the 18-month-old Palestinian uprising.

An army spokesperson said the Israelis took control of the camp Wednesday after the heaviest house-to-house fighting in the West Bank offensive, although some "pockets of terrorism" remained.

Hundreds of women and children straggled out of the refugee camp and into the town proper while Palestinians accused the Israelis of digging mass graves to cover up their massacres.

Palestinian officials said the week-long fighting claimed the lives of local Islamic Jihad leader Mahmud Tawalbeh and the local head of Hamas' armed wing, Ibrahim Jaber.

Israeli soldiers also captured Atta Abu Rumeila, the leader of Arafat's Fatah movement in the camp, and Abdelhalim Ezzedine, another Jihad leader.

Fifty Palestinians trapped in a Jenin building were negotiating their surrender late Wednesday, Fatah officials said.

Witnesses in the city of Nablus to the south said Israeli F-16 fighters and Apache helicopters bombarded the West Bank town where Palestinian resistance had also been stubborn.

The air assault was the most ferocious since the arrival of Israeli tanks in Nablus a week ago. It was accompanied by cannon and machine-gun fire from the ground.

Rescue teams searching the ruins of buildings destroyed in the Old City of Nablus found 14 bodies Wednesday, including that of a local political leader, Palestinian medics said.

The Israeli army also killed the area chief of the Ezzedine Al Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, in the southern West Bank city of Hebron, the group said in a statement.

Wounded monk

In Bethlehem, Israeli troops launched several grenades overnight near the besieged Church of the Nativity, where some 200 Palestinian fighters have sought refuge.

Fr. Mahir Arman, an Armenian monk inside the compound, was seriously wounded by Israeli gunfire, a church official said.

The Israeli army said the priest was shot as soldiers were transferring food and medicine to the clerics in the church. It said soldiers gave first aid to the priest before sending him to a Jerusalem hospital for medical treatment.

"The source of the gunfire has not yet been identified. But it should be noted there are Palestinian snipers deployed on rooftops around the Church of the Nativity," an army spokesperson said. Israeli snipers are also on rooftops in the area.

The Church of the Nativity is divided between various Christian denominations who jealously guard their historic rights in the holy site built on the spot that Christians revere as the birthplace of Jesus.

In a letter sent by President Moshe Katsav to Pope John Paul II, Israel rejected appeals to end its army's week-old siege of the church and vowed it would continue until the Palestinian fighters surrendered. ***Reports from AFP and Reuters***

RP hits 'senseless violence'

THE PHILIPPINE government is urging the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from Palestinian territory and the resumption of peace talks to end the "senseless violence," Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. said yesterday.

Guingona said the peace negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians should be resumed to attain permanent peace and stability in the war-torn area.

The Vice President also announced that no Filipino was hurt in the Palestinian suicide bombing Wednesday in a commuter bus in Haifa, 100 kilometers away from Tel Aviv.

The attack left nine people dead, including four police officers, four soldiers and the bomber. Twenty other people were hurt, three seriously, in the blast that severely damaged nearby cars and wounded their passengers, hospital officials said.

The military wing of the Islamic resistance movement Hamas claimed responsibility for the suicide attack, the first since April 1 in a lull attributed to Israel's military action on the West Bank. Hamas' smaller counterpart, Islamic Jihad, made a rival claim Wednesday night. ***Reports from Christine Herrera, AFP***

Pulse Asia survey says GMA rating in Metro up

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Bayan survey, however, which it conducted in Metro Manila, Pulse Asia found that Estrada had a -15 net trust rating, with 26 percent of the population saying they trusted him and 41 percent saying they didn't. The SWS survey for March had a -15 net trust rating for Estrada nationwide.

The survey's main results showed that Ms Macapagal's net approval rating had gone up from 23 in December to 26 in March. A statistical majority of Metro Manilans—51 percent—approved Ms Macapagal's performance, while 25 percent disapproved.

The President's net trust rating—a different indicator—stood at 11, with 38 percent of the Metro Manila population trusting her and 27 percent declaring they had little or no trust in her at all. She got her lowest marks among Class E respondents, who gave her a net trust rating of 1. In Class E, Estrada's traditional bailiwick, the former President received his only favorable net trust rating, at 10.

The Pulse Asia results differed from those of the SWS, but this was only to be expected. Among other distinguishing features, the SWS poll was conducted nationwide, and had an error margin of plus or minus 3; the Pulse Asia survey was conducted only in Metro Manila, and had a margin of error of plus or minus 6.

Hair-thin majority

Pulse Asia described the President as retaining a "hair-thin majority approval" among residents of the National Capital Region as far as performance was concerned. In contrast, Senate President Franklin Drilon had a solid 57-percent approval rating and Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. a firm 56 percent. These were down from the December levels, however, of 65 and 64, respectively. Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. had an approval rating of 45 and Speaker Jose de Venecia, 41. The officials had the following net approval ratings: Guingona, 20; Drilon, 37; De Venecia, 12; and Davide, 35.

The polling firm noted the "substantial percentages of undecideds" that marked the survey fortunes of the top government officials. Some 24 percent were undecided over Ms Macapagal's performance, up from 19. Guingona's undecideds rose from 23 to 30 percent; Drilon from 17 to 23; De Venecia from 28 to 30; and Davide from 19 to 24.

Pulse Asia said that among those surveyed, women, the poorest and least educated and those 65 years old and above were "noticeably less supportive" of Ms Macapagal.

Wake-up call

Reacting to the earlier SWS poll, Drilon said the drop in the Senate's satisfaction rating from 18 to 9 was a "wake-up call."

"This is a collective responsibility of all the senators and is a wake-up call for all of us," Drilon said in a press briefing. But he was quick to note that since the surveys are conducted every three months, public perception of the Senate may likely improve once Congress resumes its regular session on Monday.

"(Public perceptions) change. You cannot satisfy the people every time and these are the peaks and lows of perceptions of political institutions, not only of the Senate," he said. But he added that the Senate "cannot afford to be complacent" because the SWS survey reflects "the expectations of the people."

In Malacañang, Press Secretary Rigoberto Tiglao said too much politics could be one of the factors which dragged down the ratings of the President and all key government officials and institutions in the SWS survey.

"Filipinos (may) have become tired of political battles," Tiglao said. "It's a signal that they want less of these political fighting."

According to some analysts, Tiglao said, the nation has become weary of the "daily thrashings coming from all branches of government" and "they (the people) want institutions to just keep on working."

But he admitted that it was difficult to actually pin down the actual reasons for the across-the-board decline.

"It's hard to conclude. It could be performance. It could be communication. It could be an event which happened during a particular polling day," Tiglao said.

Model parents?

In the statement it released to explain the survey results, Pulse Asia said there was "much public cynicism (about) attempts by national leaders to portray themselves as model parents for the country and the masses."

"Among those aware of public relations campaigns by President Arroyo and former President Estrada, a sizeable plurality of Metro Manilans reacts cynically and consider both leaders to be equally non-credible in their projected roles," Pulse Asia said.

It said half of Metro Manila residents were aware of media campaigns by Ms Macapagal to be known as Ina ng Bayan and Estrada as Ama ng Masa.

"This sentiment cuts across all socio-economic classes as respondents from the materially poorest (Class E) and the best-off (Class ABC) equally reflect this cynicism," it said.

Respondents were asked if they were aware of media campaigns by Ms Macapagal and Estrada as "model parents of the country," and those who said yes were further asked if they find the projection credible.

A total of 37 percent said both were "equally non-credible as model parents of the country" and 15 percent said Estrada was more credible. Some 26 percent said Ms Macapagal was more credible as a model parent while 22 percent said both were equally credible.

But the survey showed 58 percent of the NCR population preferring high presidential IQ over presidential charisma.

The statement "It is better for a President to have a high IQ than to have charisma" got a net agreement of 38—58 had agreed while 20 disagreed. Some 22 percent were undecided.

Highest concern

But approval or trust ratings were the least of the public's concerns. Economic conditions topped the list of problems the public was concerned about.

"Hard times continue for most people in the NCR and the poor continue to experience greater hardships than other people who are materially better-endowed," Pulse Asia said.

It said Metro Manilans felt that their economic condition worsened over the year but they are optimistic that things will get better by next year.

While hard times hear heavily on all social classes, the poorest of the classes or Class E appeared to suffer the most.

Economic concerns include national economic recovery, the low pay of workers, great poverty of many Filipinos and high prices of basic commodities.

On peace and order, the biggest concerns were peace in the whole country, widespread criminality, the widespread sale and use of drugs and the need to eradicate terrorism.

Political concerns included widespread graft and corruption in government, the lack of effective law enforcement on ordinary as well as influential people, the need to restore people's trust in the government and its officials, and citizens' human rights.

Popular support

The survey also showed that the RP-US Balikatan joint military exercises enjoy popular support in Metro Manila, with seven out of 10 people surveyed approving of them. But Pulse Asia said the public retained a "certain degree of political pragmatism mixed with some skepticism" regarding the Philippine military's capabilities. ***With reports from Carlito Pablo, Rocky Nazareno and Philip Tubeza***

Metro Manila residents pick most and least trusted persons

GUESS which public official is the one Metro Manila residents trust the most? The one who hasn't even been to Metro Manila.

Pulse Asia's March 22-26 survey in the National Capital Region found that US President George W. Bush had won the trust of 60 percent of the people. This was the highest trust rating among nine personalities polled.

Bush also earned the highest net trust rating (trust minus distrust): 48, more than four times President Macapagal-Arroyo's net trust rating.

The man least trusted was Bush's avowed enemy, Osama bin Laden, the leader of the al-Qaida terrorist network and the suspected mastermind behind the Sept. 11 terrorist strike in the United States. Bin Laden had a net trust rating of –84, "which appears to be a record low among Metro Manilans," Pulse Asia dryly noted.

Deposed President Joseph Estrada had the second most unfavorable net trust rating, at –15. He was quickly followed by the controversial Archbishop of Manila, Jaime Cardinal Sin, who played a key role in his ouster. Sin had a net trust rating of –11.

Estrada defender Sen. Edgardo Angara had a second-highest net trust rating, at 47.

"Almost all personalities tested for encountered a substantial amount of public vacillations; about a third of those polled expressed indecision on whether to trust or distrust them," Pulse Asia said. ***Juliet Javellana***

Arafat hero . . .

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saint, he's a prophet now. No one can accuse him of being a traitor, so he is in a very strong position," Palestinian analyst Salah Abdel Shafi said by phone from the Gaza Strip. "The man was under attack. He was isolated and he didn't surrender."

In his besieged compound, Arafat has received supporters and granted interviews by mobile phone. With little left to lose and riding high on European and UN condemnation of Israel, Arafat might use helplessness to his advantage when US Secretary of State Colin Powell visits to try to secure a ceasefire.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has made clear that he does not consider Arafat a partner in future peacemaking. But Washington appears to differ, and no one has a clear idea who other than Arafat can fill the vacuum once Israel withdraws its troops from the West Bank.

Palestinians, who have long complained of Arab world apathy toward their plight, are seeing enormous outpourings of support.

From Baghdad to Cairo, photographs and portraits of Arafat are held aloft by thousands of demonstrators shouting their willingness to die for the Palestinian leader.

Four have died so far in Arab countries when protests went beyond the usual government-permitted and -coordinated shows of anger to demand that their leaders help Arafat.

Anti-US sentiment

Regional instability and rapidly growing anti-American sentiment in the Arab world could hamper US efforts to keep Arab governments friendly toward Washington—a priority these days as the US government pursues its war on terrorism.

But Israel has warned its superpower ally against sacrificing Israeli interests to appease Arab nations.

While the White House has declared dissatisfaction with Arafat's efforts to curb violence, it has repeatedly demanded Israel's immediate withdrawal from Palestinian cities in recent days.

Powell's plans indicate that the US government is not comfortable with Israel's treatment of Arafat either.

Powell, who arrives Thursday in Jerusalem, said he intended to meet with Arafat—a decision Sharon called a "tragic mistake." During a stop in Madrid, Powell also said Wednesday that he would look into securing for Arafat better conditions of confinement—more space and more access to allow the Palestinian leader to communicate with other leaders.

Beyond seeking a swift end to the violence, Powell is pressing for accelerated negotiations to establish a Palestinian state. He has also said that Arafat is the legitimate leader of the Palestinian people and key to securing a truce.

Stronger position

If the world ignores Israel's skepticism and looks to Arafat to rebuild his security institutions, his position could in a way be stronger than it was before Israel's incursions. Because his forces have clearly been battered, Arafat can more credibly claim that he cannot effectively take on the militants.

Even if Arafat issues a ceasefire call in Arabic, as the United States seeks, he may no longer have police officers, jails or courthouses to deal with those who violate it.

Jails and courthouses have been flattened in the past two weeks, and many Palestinian police officers killed and arrested.

The compound of Jibril Rajoub, the West Bank security chief who once cooperated with Israel on security and had largely kept his men out of the past 18 months of violence—came under siege. When the gunmen and others in Rajoub's compound surrendered to Israelis outside, he was vilified by the Islamic militant group Hamas, which suggested that he stand trial for the surrender of his men and militants in their custody—and be executed if convicted.

Rajoub, who once appeared able to get some degree of cooperation from Islamic militants during troubled times of the past, would have been the man to enforce any ceasefire.

Now, Arafat can tell Powell that the only way he can rebuild and take control over matters is if he gets a total Israeli withdrawal and the prospect of a viable Palestinian state, Abdel Shafi said.

"If Arafat gets this—and sees there will be a mechanism to reach this, not just empty talk—he will go public, speak in Arabic and say we can stop this because we are getting the state," the analyst said.

While Sharon has accepted the principle of Palestinian statehood, he appears prepared to offer the Palestinians far less territory than what they demand, which is a full withdrawal from the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem. ***AP***

'Indestructible sandwich'

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years later.

Experts at the US Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Massachusetts, came up with the comestible as a means of providing food on the move to supplement standard battlefield rations, the weekly New Scientist reported.

The sandwich is a cunning balance of smart packaging, clever filling and water content, because too much moisture and any air in a long-life sandwich encourages mold.

The Natick experts crafted chunky fillings such as pepperoni and barbecued chicken to which they added humectants—substances that prevent the water from leaking out.

The sandwiches were then sealed, without pasteurization, in laminated plastic pouches that included sachets of chemicals to suck out any lingering oxygen molecules, thus denying bugs the air to breathe and proliferate.

Guinea-pig GIs have tasted the two experimental varieties of sandwiches and deemed them "acceptable," the New Scientist said.

Menu

Bolstered by the vote of confidence, scientists are now going to extend the menu to include mini pizzas, cream-filled bagels, breakfast burritos and peanut-butter sandwiches.

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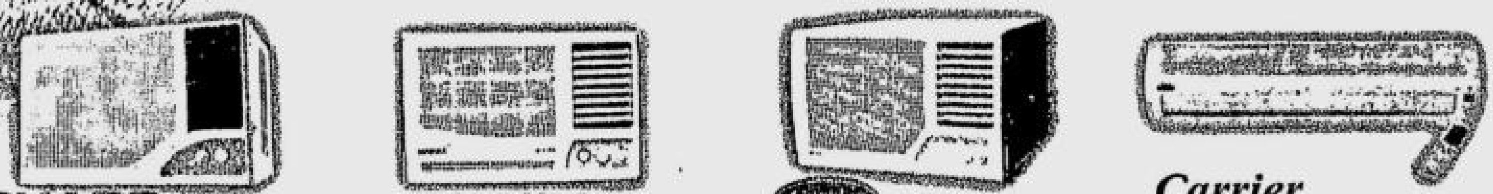

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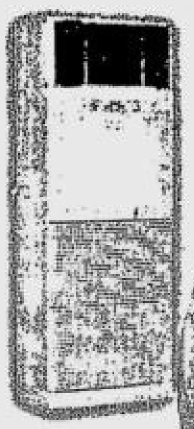

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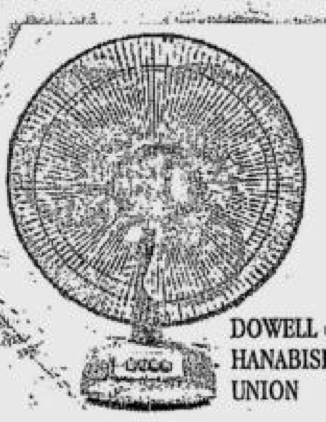

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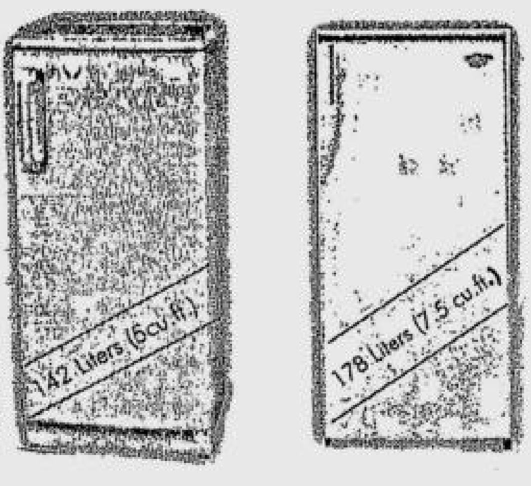

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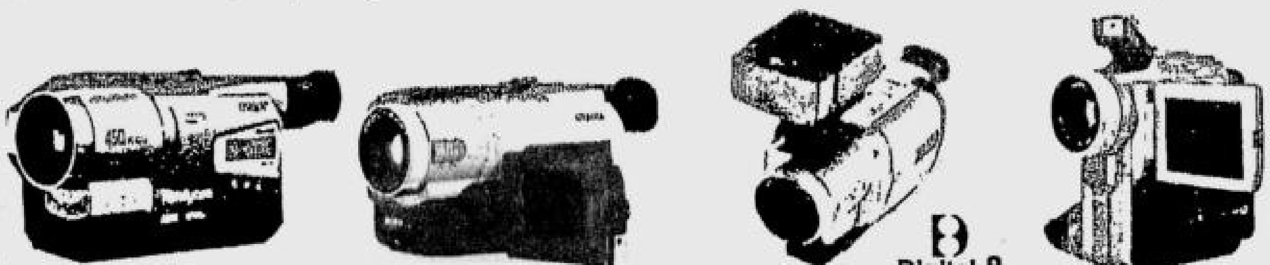

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CLEVELAND — Wesley Person scored 23 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 106-81 victory in the NBA Wednesday over Milwaukee to extend the Bucks' road losing streak to 10 games. The Bucks lost for the 14th time in 18 games overall, putting them in danger of missing the playoffs. Milwaukee remained tied with Toronto for the seventh-best record in the Eastern Conference. Adding to the Bucks' woes, starting guard Sam Cassell did not play in the second half because of a sprained left big toe. Cassell had 10 points in the first half. Without him, the Bucks scored only 30 points in the second half. **Complete results:** Boston 70, Miami 65; Cleveland 106, Milwaukee 81; Atlanta 101, Charlotte 95; Washington 90, Philadelphia 77; Chicago 102, Detroit 101; Indiana 98, Toronto 82; San Antonio 87, Denver 79; Sacramento 118, Golden State 116. *AP*

Bolinao hosts Torres fishing tilt

BOLINAO, Pangasinan will be the site of the 3rd Torres Trolling Tournament which is expected to draw top anglers on April 27 and 28. The Lucena Sport Fishing Club Inc. thru Dr. Ping Pajarillo, Aton Tan, Mike Alcala, Rudy Tan and Eddie Castillo, organized the Torres fishing tournament to educate local fishermen on the importance of saving maritime resources through responsible fishing methods. "The Torres family has always been aware of the importance of preservation of the environment and conservation of the ecosystem," said Arthur T. Reyes, president of ATR World's Best Wines and Spirits Inc., exclusive distributor of Torres wines and brandy. Interested anglers can call Aton Tan at 0917642098/ 042-7104738 or Mike Alcala at 09179725989. Deadline for registration is April 16.

Tuason Memorial Cup at Valley

VALLEY Golf Club honors Don Celso Tuason and his fellow club founders with the 3rd Memorial Cup tournament to be held on Saturday and Sunday (April 20 and 21). Club president Tony Sierra and Bolo Tuason, Don Celso's eldest son, leads the roster of over 300 players of member-guest teams competing in a mixed Best Ball and Team aggregate Stableford points format. The major sponsors supporting the tournament are Nestle Pure Mineral Water, Berroca, Armscor Corp., Wide World Express, DHL Worldwide and Sanofi.

Xavier netter pulls off upset

XAVIER School's Joshua Tan Ho pulled off a 6-3, 6-2 upset win over third seed Patrick Arevalo yesterday to pocket the boys' 12-under title in the Junior Tennis Association of the Philippines (Juntaphil) Cup age-group tennis tournament at the Baguio Tennis Club. The fourth-seeded Tan Ho, 10-under champion in last year's Perlis International Juniors, scored a 6-1, 6-0 reversal over top seed Mark Balce, 6-1, 6-0, in the semifinals to advance against the younger brother of national Czarina Mae Arevalo. In other results, Raymond Villarete defeated Christian Canlas, 6-2, 6-0, for the boys' 14-under title while Sarah Jane Lim downed Ako Sy, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, for the unisex 10-under crown.

Festival of Speed this weekend

TEAM Gulf Oil-zed-MP Turbo, the country's most prolific motorsport contingent in recent years, will tackle the first hurdle to hopefully post fruitful racing season when it competes in the year's biggest speed festival, the Asian Festival of Speed, slated this weekend, April 13 and 14, at the Subic International Raceway. The Subic GP Series is organized by Sports Values Inc., (SVI). Other backers are Abante Newspaper, Francisco Motors Corp., Yehey.com., AER Engines, ROTA Wheels, CPM Mufflers and Accessories, Racegear, BLTBCo., No Fear, Gatorade, Gandour Candies, Rainforest Mineral Water, Bavarian Machine Works, Motolite Batteries and Fastrack. For more details, call MP Turbo at 832-5217, fax 832-5144, cell 0919-862-8940 and email at mpturbo@pacific.net.ph.

Pasay holds 4-cock derby tonight

ANOTHER showdown of cockfight bigshots will be featured in Pasay City Cockpit's 4-cock derby beginning at 7 tonight. Derby host Abo Centeno, fast gaining recognition as bigtime llamador in Metro Manila derbies, said the cash prize at stake is P300,000. More than 60 fights are lined up today to be sponsored by Sagupaan Super Feeds and Hammer Dewormer. Meanwhile, pit managers Oscar Gonzales, Eric dela Rosa and Butchoy Olano announced yesterday that Pasay Cockpit's 15th Anniversary 5-Cock Derby will be held on July 18 and 20. For other inquiries, please contact 816-6750, 843-1890 and 843-1746.

Runner clinic gets going Sunday

THE EXECUTIVE Runners Club Philippines Inc. (Runnex) will open its Sunday running clinic on Sunday (April 14), 6 a.m., at the Quezon Memorial Circle, according toRunnex president Ben C. Lopez. The Sunday running clinic is a 10-month training activity sponsored by Pharmaton Capsule. It is open to all Quezon City residents, male and female, from ages 7 to 70 years old. For more details, contact Lopez (920-1327/733-4752), EVP and technical director Pol de Leon (924-2447/925-3298) and training director Amante Pangilinan (926-7070/371-3676).

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FedEx humbles Hapee

By June Navarro

GAMES TOMORROW (Philsports)
3:45 p.m.—Purefoods vs Sta. Lucia
5:45 p.m.—Alaska Milk vs Shell

JERMAINE Walker capped a sterling performance with a fadeaway jumper in the last 40 seconds to lift Federal Express to a 75-71 victory over Hapee-RP Team last night in the PBA Samsung Governors Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

Walker exploded for 37 points, 17 of them poured in the third quarter, as the Express came out victorious for the third consecutive time and formalized their entry into the quarterfinals with a 6-4 record.

The 6-foot-5 Walker also came up with 37 markers during the Express' 89-75 romp of Purefoods last week.

After inflicting Hapee-RP's fourth straight setback, the Express are now poised to secure a slot in the Top 4, a position which will guarantee them a twice-to-beat edge going into the next phase.

The only stumbling block on their way are the Talk N Text Phone Pals, whom the Express need to beat in order to clinch a semis seat trouble-free.

The Express will play their last game in the elimination round against the Phone Pals on Saturday next week, a match that would determine their status in the next round.

By that time, Dindo Pumaren, ailing due to a foot injury, and Danny Capobres are expected to return to action.

Hapee-RP, totally out of the twice-to-beat picture, skidded to 4-6, just a win ahead of the other RP Team, Selecta, which has a 3-7 record.

Injuries to Danny Seigle, Danny Ildefonso and Noy Castillo have obviously put Hapee-RP's quarterfinal bid in peril.

Their absence, however, was hardly missed in the beginning as the Nationals jump the gun on the Express.

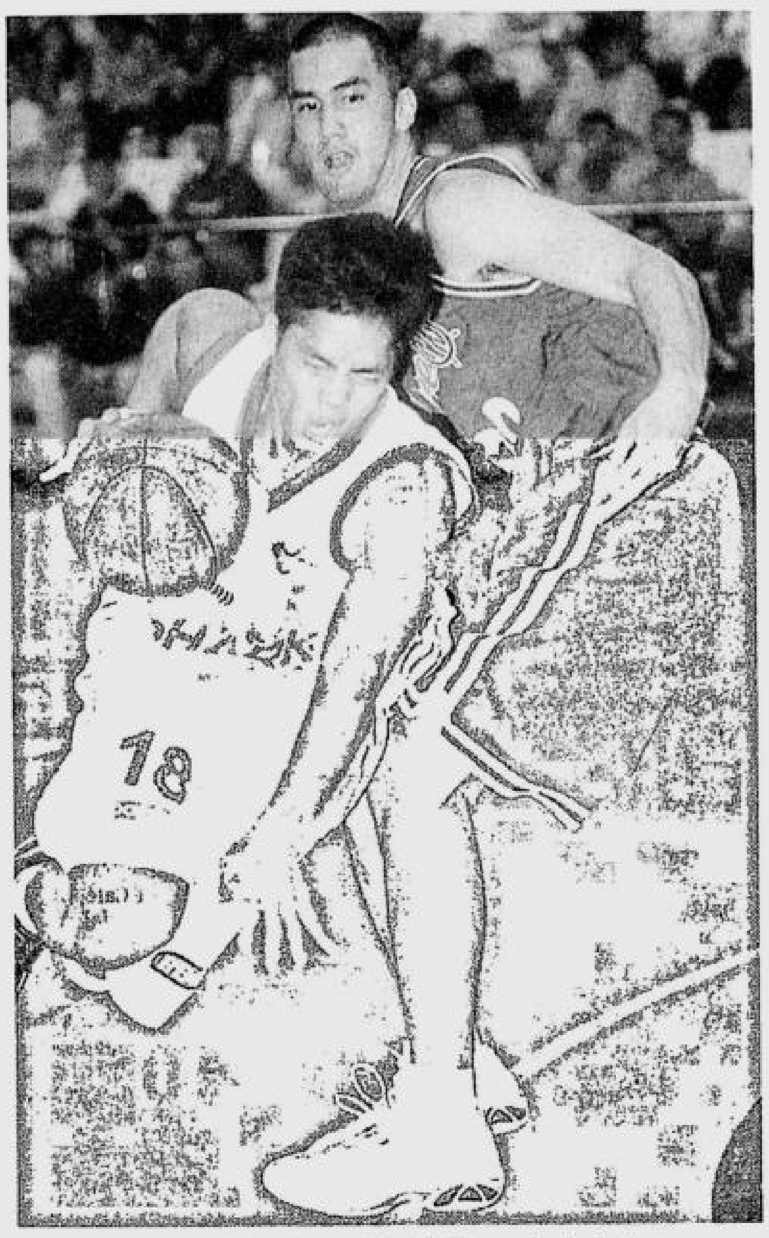
But Walker, Tim Moore and Bong Alvarez recovered from that lethargic start as they put the Express ahead, 22-21, after delivering a searing 13-2 run.

Scores:

FEDEX 75—Walker 37, Moore 14, Alvarez 8, Arboleda 4, De Ocampo 4, Billones 4, Codinera 2, Friedhof 2.

HAPEE-RP 71—Harp 18, Cariaso 15, Hatfield 10, Aquino 8, Pennisi 7, Abarrientos 6, Fernandez 3, Camaso 2, Seigle 2.

Quarters: 22-21, 36-32, 59-53, 75-71.



GERALD Ortega of Shark Energy Drink (left) attacks the basket as Ateneo's Rich Alvarez tries to catch up in the PBL Chairman's Cup last Wednesday at the Makati Coliseum. Ateneo won, 69-65. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

Eagles, Archers gun for 3rd wins

By Dennis U. Eroa

GAMES TODAY: Makati Coliseum
2 p.m.—John-O-Juzz vs RP Youth
4 p.m.—Ateneo vs Blu Sun Power
6 p.m.—Montaña vs ICTSI-La Salle

COLLEGIATE rivals Ateneo-Hapee-Negros Navigation and ICTSI-La Salle seek to extend their winning streak to three as they clash with battle-tested Blu Sun Power and Montaña Jewels, respectively, today in the PBL Chairman's Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

Showing no respect against their experienced counterparts, the Blue Eagles and the Green Archers presently share the lead with Kutitap Toothpaste with two straight victories.

Joel Banal's charges debuted with a 74-66 victory over Montaña, before following it with a devastating 69-65 win over two-time Challenge Cup titleholder Shark Energy Drink last Wednesday.

The Archers, winners of the last four UAAP basketball championships, are also on target. They rapped Blu, 66-55, and Ana Freezers, 88-71, respectively.

The Detergent Kings won the pre-season Cebuano Basketball Federation-PBL Challenge Cup last February.

Six-foot-five strongman Enrico Villanueva, whose monstrous game underneath (31 pts, 13 rebs) beat Shark will be tested by former rookie of the year Marlon Legaspi, known for his shotblocking skills and a deadly perimeter game.

Pointguard Mike Cortez is a marked man as the Jewels try to stop the Archers. ICTSI, however, is also getting solid numbers from the likes of Mark Magsumbol, Willy Wilson, Manny Ramos and defensive specialist Francis Zamora.

Cage clinic at RFM Center

KIRK Collier, skills coach of PBA balclub Red Bull will be talking about Plyometrics and then some in the ongoing Nike Hoopology which has attracted quite a number of participants at the RFM Sports Center along Pioneer Street in Mandaluyong City. Collier, along with Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao, Sta. Lucia Realty assistant coach Alfrancis Chua and PBA superstars Alvin Patrimonio, Eric Menk, Danny Seigle, Jeffrey Cariaso, Olsen Racela, Andy Seigle, Nic Belasco, Kerby Raymundo, June Limpct, Willie Miller and John Arigo, will be taking turns in lending their expertise to the young basketeers in the camp which is sponsored by Nike Stadium, Nike Park, RFM Corp., Agfa Color, the National Sports Grill and High Endurance.

Parks, Favis form Hoops School

TWO basketball personalities have joined hands to put together The Bobby Parks Hoops School, an organization devoted to teaching kids the correct way to play basketball physically, and more importantly, teaching them the mental aspects involved in the game of basketball.

Bobby Parks, probably the best American cager to play in the Philippines, being the only seven-time PBA Best Import awardee, will team up with his long-time boss— former Shell PBA manager and PBL commissioner Charlie Favis, who will be the project director of the Hoops School.

The program will start on April 20, in Pasig City, at 3 p.m. for 12-16 years old, at Meralco Gym along Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City. It is the school's aim to bring the program to other venues in Metro Manila and around the country.

It will be recalled that Parks gave Shell several championships and first runner-up trophies. In 1995, he led a rag-tag PBL team to the 6th ABC Champions Cup Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, winning the tournament where he was voted MVP of the tournament. He repeated the feat the following year, winning for the Philippines the 7th ABC Champions Cup Crown, this time with the PBL Hapee team.

A second-round draft pick of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks team, Bobby has played in the CBA, WBL, USBL, GBL, Switzerland, France and Indonesia.

Coseteng leads Caltex team bid in Subic tilt

THE CALTEX-HAVOLINE Racing Team, led by Jody Coseteng, guns for victory in the 2002 Asian Festival of Speed this Sunday, April 14, at the newly upgraded Subic International Raceway in Subic.

The team is optimistic of a better season with its drivers using high performance cars fueled with Vartex Gold in cooperation with the best performance engine shop—Autoplus and partners Globe telecom Caltex Philippines Inc. and San Miguel Corp.

"The Asian Festival of Speed will not only showcase high-powered cars but will also prove the superiority of Havoline Motor Oil in the circuit using these racing cars as rolling laboratories to show proof of performance," said Paul Familara, Caltex Philippines product category manager for lubricants sales and marketing.

Coseteng the lead driver of comebacking Team Autoplus-Globe-Havoline Racing, will be gunning for the titles in the 2002 Philippine National Touring Car Championship and 2002 Blaze super Saloon Series.

With a newly built racing car prepared at the ultra high-tech facilities of Autoplus, Coseteng looks forward to continuing his impressive streak of wins this year.

"Competition in the touring car class is very close now, with around 4 or 5 cars capable of running at the front," said Coseteng.

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Race 4—1. Cardinal Rule 2. Doña Evelyn 3. Take Chances
Race 5—1. Silver Eagle 2. Stradivarius 3. Charmingly Chit
Race 6—1. Tiger Eye 2. With Feeling 3. Lavish Feast 4. Sharp Bullet
Race 7—1. Kayang Kaya 2. The Dominator 3. Sweep Away 4. Aly Sam
Race 8—1. Ong Bee 2. Dominant Dancer 3. Nobel Prize
Race 9—1. Despedida 2. Something Silver 3. Bull Strike 4. Sir Olizon 5. Star Sapphire 6. Good Quality

Bayno proves his worth

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

PHILIPPINE Basketball Association team owners should be encouraged to hire foreign coaching specialists who are NCAA Division I coaches in the United States or those with NBA or other American and European leagues background to raise the level of training and coaching in the Philippine Basketball Association and the country as well.

In his opinion, basketball diehard Mike Pangilinan said it's high time the Philippines becomes global by hiring these foreign specialists, by not shutting the door to people yearning to help, stressing that Filipino coaches should not feel threatened but wake up to the fact that they need these foreign specialists to improve themselves.

"We import Fil-American players. We import 'imports.' But why close the door to foreign coaches?" Pangilinan asked. "Let us not be hypocrites."

Pangilinan explained that there are hundreds of local coaches but most of them are only self-taught coaches, who pale in comparison to their counterparts in the US-NCAA Division I or to those with professional background in the NBA and other American coaches who have too much experience, skill and talent in world-class competitions.

"Instead," Pangilinan stressed, "the coaches association (Basketball Coaches Association of the Philippines) should make an inventory of their members and rate their capabilities." He added that Chito Narvasa (the BCAP president) has protested strongly the hiring by Talk 'N Text of American coach Bill Bayno, who is now making his presence felt in the PBA by steering the then lightly regarded Phone Pals to eight straight wins recently, a league record. "Instead," Pangilinan said, "Chito has recommended a shopping list of 20 competent Filipino coaches who can take the place of Bayno, with Joel Banal on top of the list." But personally, Pangilinan thinks Louie Alas (the team's former coach) is more competent than Banal based on their performance. According to Pangilinan, Louie had coached a champion team in the MBA and a Philippine quintet in the SEA Games, a chance Banal never had. And Louie had coached for two years in the PBA, an opportunity Banal also never had. "Now, who's more competent Banal or Alas?" Pangilinan asked.

On foreign coaches in the mold of Bayno, Pangilinan said, "*Mas gagaling ang* Pinoy coaches. *Makakapulot tayo ng maraming* training methods and coaching techniques like those being taught in NBA training camps."

Davao pockets 2nd victory

DEFENDING champion Davao streaked to its second straight victory in the 6th National Women's Football Championship yesterday by routing Cebu, 9-1, at the Philsports pitch in Pasig City. Keith Canton starred for the two-time champions by knocking in three goals (20th, 32nd and 70th minutes), while national player Shirley Barlovento and Leonor Satorre ably backed her up with two markers apiece.

SPORTS

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MANILA GAMES

Dr. Albert scoops 3 golds

DR. ALBERT Elementary School in Dapitan, Sampaloc, yesterday won three of the first four gold medals at the start of athletics competition in the 1st Manila Youth Games at the Rizal Memorial Track and Football Stadium.

Twelve-year old Hilbert Habon, an incoming Grade VI student from one of the biggest public schools in the country, won the first gold medal when he ruled his favorite event, the boys long jump with a leap of 4.11 meters.

The eldest of five children of Renato Habon, who works as a family driver, Habon was also a gold medalist during the Manila District Meet held last October.

He is a participant in today's century dash.

Darryl Dayao of Almario Elementary School finished second with a leap of 3.90 meters for the silver while Gerald Balubal of Antonio Regidor Elementary School settled for the bronze with a leap of 3.61 meters.

The second gold won by Dr. A. Albert Elementary School came from the girls shotput through 11-year old Jennylyn Mandar, also an incoming Grade VI student. She heaved to 7.39 meters.

Maryjane Mirandilla of M. Hizon Elementary School won the silver (4.59 m) and Mandar's teammate Ma. Luisa Bosquillos the bronze (3.50 m).

Nissan's Mindanao run starts

CARIGARA—Powered by the high-octane Caltex Vortex Gold and the energizing Havoline oil, the Nissan Exalta GS Superio sedan is all set to showcase its wares when the fourth Pan Philippine Marathon embarks on its treacherous Mindanao leg beginning Thursday.

The sparkling silver colored Exalta only added 305 kilometers on its Caltex odometer for a total of 4,906 during its Tuesday run which took the four-man crew to the enchanting towns and cities of Negros and Cebu.

Andy Dysangco, Mon Dizon, Juvy Catajoy and Willy Avila are expected to arrive in Cagayan de Oro at 10 a.m. Thursday.

But before they traveled to Mindanao using Surigao as their point of entry from Isabel, Leyte, the crew expressed admiration of the Exalta's AV steering switch.

"It's a very important safety feature as it prevents the driver from being distracted while driving when he reaches out for control switches," said Dysangco.

The crew also praised the heads-up digispeed display, allowing the driver to watch the speed changes and see if the right speed is being maintained.

"This is also a dandy feature found in the Exalta," said Dizon.

Armed with rally-tested Goodyear Eagle Ventura tires, the Exalta visited this birthplace of the late marathon driving pioneer Ronnie Pasola, who died in 1995.

Peñalosa Taal Lake winner

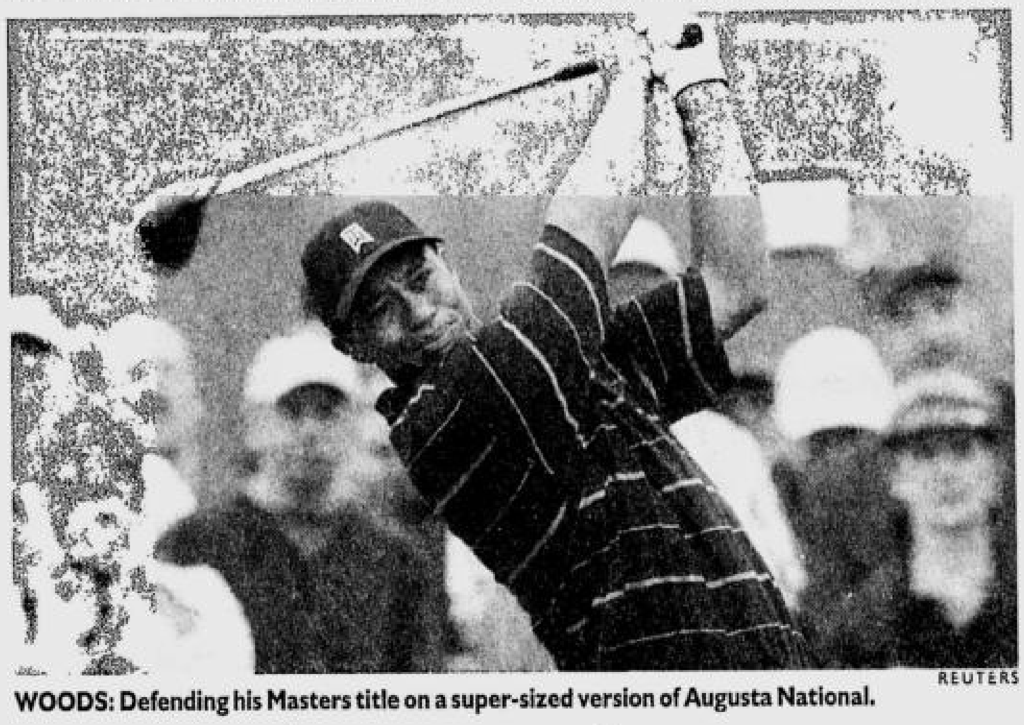
APRIL Peñalosa strung together four gold medals but she had to share the limelight with a Batangueño newcomer in the recent second Junior Flat Water Canoe and Kayak Championships staged at Taal Lake's most serene section off picturesque Balete town.

Peñalosa, 18, of Taytay, swept the girls' 500-meter and 200-meter singles in kayak and the 200-meter and 500-meter in touring kayak to underscore her billing as the country's most promising bet in the sport.

But 15-year-old Jhumar Garcia shared centerstage when he ruled the boys' 500 meters singles.

Jhumar won despite his mother's wish for him not to compete in the event organized by the Philippine Canoe-Kayak Federation headed by Dr. Sim Chi Tat.

Peñalosa and Garcia received their medals from Balete Mayor David Pamplona, Vice Mayor Mercy Reyes and members of the Balete municipal council, all of whom intend to develop their section of Taal to become the country's center for canoeing and kayaking.



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WOODS: Defending his Masters title on a super-sized version of Augusta National.

A grand test at the Masters

AUGUSTA, Georgia—The hype over the Masters is no longer about the possibility of a grand slam.

This time, it's the punishment expected from a grand course.

Augusta National has undergone many changes since Tiger Woods left last April after completing his unprecedented sweep of the four biggest tournaments in golf.

Starting Thursday, Woods will try to defend his title on a super-sized version of Augusta, a course that has been stretched to nearly 7,300 yards (6,643 meters) and figures to provide the 89-man field with the toughest test in Masters history.

"It's just not as much fun as it used to be to come here and play," Bob Estes said. "You'll still have great champions, but you won't have as many opportunities to make birdies and eagles."

Chris DiMarco, the 36-hole leader last year in his Masters debut, added: "If we don't have any rain, it's going to be brutal. A couple under (par) could win the tournament."

The final swing from Woods last year was a 75-yard (68 1/4-meter) lob wedge from the 18th fairway. He made birdie from 15 feet (4 1/2 meters) for a 16-under 272, the fourth-best score in Masters history and two strokes shy of his record 270 when he won his first green jacket in 1997. **AP**

PAL SUPPORTS LADY GOLFER

Philippine Airlines is the official carrier of Ruby Chico (second from right) in her bid to make it to the US LPGA. Her jumping board will be the Futures Tour, which opened recently in Florida. Eileen Chua (second from left) will act as Chico's caddy/trainer in the 20-leg Tour. The two pose with PAL advertising and promotions manager Jesus Garcia (extreme left) and PAL vice president for marketing Felix Cruz prior to their departure for the United States.

Riviera golf stakes P.5M April 20-21

THE INVITATIONAL will stake P500,000 as a raffle prize when Riviera stages the 4th Annual Member/Guest Tournament on April 20-21 at Riviera's Langer and Couples courses.

The hole-in-one prize is a Ford Lynx from Ford Alabang.

The aggregate format will be played on April 20 at Couples, which hosted the Centennial Philippine Open won by Frankie Miñoza in 1998.

On April 21, play will be one-ball, two-some at Langer, site of the 2000 Philippine Open won by Gerald Rosales.

The eagerly awaited tournament will also feature a US Masters style Par-3 competition, Saturday's cocktail highlighted by a "Calcutta" and Sunday's grand awards ceremony. The Invitational is sponsored by both Smart Communications and Taylor-Made.

Prizes include a 29-inch super TV, home theater systems, airline tickets and numerous raffle items from Transnational Diversified Group, Ericsson, Federal Express, Finlevi Home Builders, Pacsports, Roche, Sehwani Golf, Pisanti, Wilson, U-Bix, Turf Company, Angel Arts, Aqua Pump Metal Works, Gourmet Café, SE Gye Master, GG&A Club Shares and Industrial Waste Systems.

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GOLF: PGA Bellsouth Classic Highlights at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. (r) on Star Sports

Inside the PGA Tour at 3:30 p.m. (r–7:30 p.m.) on Star Sports

LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship, Second Round at 5 p.m. on Star Sports

2002 Masters - Day One Highlights at 3 p.m. on Star Sports, Preview at 9:30 p.m. (r), Day One at 10 p.m. (r), Day Two Preview tomorrow at 3:30 a.m. on Star Sports, Day Two tomorrow at 4 a.m. on Star Sports

Buhain signs agreements at Diamond

A FORMAL signing of memorandum of agreements between the Philippine Sports Commission and three private firms is set at 9:30 a.m. today at the Diamond Hotel in Manila.

PSC Chair Eric R. Buhain will be joined by Whitehall Pharmaceutical president Eduardo Mendoza, Air Philippines vice-president for marketing and sales Erlinda Santiago, and Philtranco president and general manager Alejandro Yague Jr. in today's rites.

"Foremost in my agenda when I assumed office is to address the plight of athletes and map out a strategy to the advantage of local sports," Buhain said. "That is why I doff my hat to these private entities that show concern for the welfare of athletes in particular and sports, in general."

"The Arroyo administration knows fully well that sports not only make for a vibrant citizenry, it is also a cohesive force in nation-building. Thus, the PSC is resolved in working on solutions for the good of Philippine sports," Buhain ended.

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (Pagcor) under Chair Ephraim Genuino has also been very supportive to the PSC's programs and activities.

Under RA 6847, the PSC is empowered to enter into contracts and similar arrangements and accept donations, gifts and grants for the promotion and development of local sports.

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MEN'S Division	
Central Colleges of the Phils.	Jomel Barnardo & Michael Omaña
Far Eastern University	Randy Fallorina & Jeofrey Guevarra
Mapua Institute of Technology	Albert Alano & Eliezer Collado
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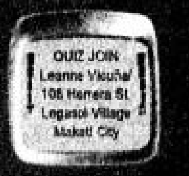
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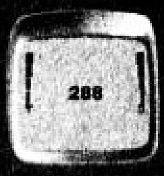
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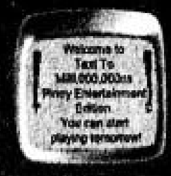
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We have no 'dead meat' –Munti, Pasay

THE MUNTINLUPA and Pasay local governments yesterday assured the public that there is no "double dead meat" being sold in the two cities.

Local officials fielded inspection teams to determine if spoiled meat were being sold in the public markets of the two cities, according to a Department of Health report.

"So far, we've not yet encountered any case of double dead meat," said Mel Ordiales, Pasay market administrator.

He said he also asked other Pasay officials to carry out veterinary examinations of meat products sold in the city's four public markets.

In a statement, Dr. Magdalena Meana, Muntinlupa's chief health officer, said "'dead meat' is nonexistent" in the city.

Gary Llamas, chief of the license and permit office, said in the same statement that he and his men also checked stores selling roasted pig or *lechon*.

The inspection yielded negative results, he said.

Christian V. Esguerra

MMDA CHIEF TO COMELEC

Who will replace Abalos?

By Alcuin Papa

THE METRO Manila Development Authority may have a new chair soon, it may be one of three prominent politicians who are said to be actively pursuing the top post at the MMDA.

Speculations on the next MMDA chair came up following reports that the incumbent, Benjamin Abalos Sr., would be appointed chair of the Commission on Elections anytime soon.

The Comelec is plagued with a very public infighting between a faction loyal to Chair Alfredo Benipayo and a group supporting Commissioner Luz Tangcangco.

The three prominent politicians said to be going after the MMDA post, according to a very reliable source who did not want to be identified, are former MMDA chair and former Muntinlupa mayor Ignacio Bunye, former Marikina mayor Bayani Fernando, and Caloocan Mayor Rey Malonzo.

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The source said Bunye and Fernando are ahead in the race after their names were submitted to Ms Macapagal to replace Abalos.

But Bunye is said to be lobbying for the position of head of the Bureau of Corrections.

Malonzo is also perceived as actively seeking the post of MMDA chief. But said to be a big stumbling block to his appointment as MMDA chair is his own campaign to get his wife Gigi elected as Caloocan mayor after his last term. Malonzo is on his third and last term as Caloocan mayor.

During the campaign in the last local elections, Malonzo had revealed his plan to run for senator in the year 2004.

Considered a dark horse in the race is MMDA Vice Chair Cesar Lacuna, for whom the post of vice chair was apparently created. The MMDA Charter does not have the position of vice chair.

Lacuna is a former Pasig City councilor and a former presidential assistant for cooperatives. He is also perceived to be close to First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

The source said Abalos could be appointed to the Comelec any time this week. Abalos was informed of his new assignment last month during a trip to Shanghai, China, the source said.

If Abalos gets the Comelec post, he will have to work fast because the registration of new voters for the July 15 Sangguniang Kabataan election is scheduled for April 22. This gives very little time to get the job done.

The name of incumbent Comelec Chair Benipayo has been submitted to Congress for confirmation and lawmakers are due to tackle this on Monday. But the President still has the option to withdraw Benipayo's name.

Members of the House and Senate have repeatedly called for the two groups to patch things up, or for one of them to resign.

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Bulacan mayor fined for allowing open dump

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources has ordered Mayor Anacleto Meneses of Bulacan, Bulacan to pay P500,000 in fine for allowing the operation of an open dumpsite in his town.

The DENR also issued a notice of violation against Meneses and ordered him to stop operating the dumpsite "until appropriate clearance from the DENR has been secured."

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez said the operation of the open dumpsite in Barangay Bambang violated the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000," or Republic Act No. 9003, and of the Local Government Code.

The DENR earlier issued a notice of violation to Meycauayan Mayor Eduardo Alarilla also for allowing the operation of an open dump in Barangay Caingin. Residents of the area and of nearby Valenzuela City complained of toxic smoke and fumes coming from the landfill.

Alvarez said Meneses also violated Section 50 of RA 9003 which states that "local government officials and officials of government agencies concerned who fail to comply with and enforce rules and regulations promulgated relative to (RA 9003) shall be charged administratively."

Investigation by the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau in Region 4 showed that the dumpsite did not meet the DENR criteria for landfill site identification and screening since the area was near a permanent water body and was within a prime agricultural area.

In Navotas, the militant organization of fishermen, Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas, yesterday asked the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) to block the construction of a proposed 10-hectare landfill project in Barangay Tanza.

Two groups of Navotas residents, the Koalisyon ng Mamamayan sa Navotas Laban sa Basura sa Tanza and the Kontra Basura sa Tanza, are opposing the project.

On Tuesday, MMDA Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. said the resolution of the issue depended on the DENR and that the MMDA would not prevent the construction of the landfill unless the DENR declared it unsafe to the public.

Youth nabbed for SK chair's slay

By Jerome Aning

POLICE have arrested the suspected killer of a Sangguniang Kabataan chair in Paco last January, ending a two-month search.

Ryan Cañete, 18, is in the custody of the Western Police District's special operations group based at the Manila City Hall. He was arrested on Tuesday on Batangas Line in Paco. Police said they seized from Cañete an eight-inch fan knife and a sachet said to contain shabu.

Witnesses said Cañete was the man who stabbed to death Gerald Mallari, SK chair of Barangay 818, on Jan. 18.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza personally directed SOG commander Supt. Ernesto Ibay to go after the suspect.

Cañete allegedly fled to Davao City after the killing, eluding the lawmen hunting him down for almost two months.

On Tuesday, SOG's operations division received a report that two rival fraternities were gearing up for a clash along Batangas Line, Ibay said. The informer also said Cañete would be with a group of young men.

Two SOG teams were sent to the area. One group led by PO3 Roy Verano spotted Cañete, his right hand in the back pocket of his pants, walking along Batangas Line at about 2:30 a.m.

Cañete is facing charges of murder, illegal possession of a deadly weapon and possession of illegal drugs before the city prosecutor's office.

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad

DUE to lack of space, Mr. Trinidad's column, on the transformation of Marikina City, will come out on Monday.

30 percent of drugs fake, says BFAD

NEARLY 30 percent of the drugs in the country's drug market are counterfeit, according to a Bureau of Food and Drugs official.

Rene Galicia, who represented BFAD at a National Bureau of Investigation meeting on intellectual property rights, said on Tuesday that counterfeit drugs continue to spread in the country and that they account for 20 to 30 percent of the local drug market.

"More than the intellectual property violation, the prevalence of counterfeit drugs in Asia is on the rise, according to a World Health Organization report," Galicia said.

But he clarified that the counterfeit drugs are not all ineffective in preventing or curing diseases. He said many of these were just unregistered with the BFAD.

"Thirty percent does not mean 30 percent of drugs are inefficient," he explained. "They may even be genuine, just unregistered."

He said syndicates are manufacturing fake drugs in a "sophisticated manner," requiring law enforcement agencies to increase their budgets to go after the criminals.

During the meeting, NBI Intellectual Property Rights Division head Rafael Ragos urged drug firms to file official complaints so that law enforcers could crack down on the syndicates.

Philip C. Tubeza

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Inside job suspected

By Philip C. Tubeza

INVESTIGATORS are looking into the possibility that the P2-million robbery in front of the Manila City Hall, where a guard was killed, on Wednesday was an inside job.

An investigator yesterday said someone from the ERM Money Changer shop in Ermita, Manila might have tipped off the robbers that ERM employees would withdraw the P2 million from the Metrobank branch in Binondo.

Three men pulled off the robbery, killing ERM guard Dante Castro, 56, a former soldier, and injuring Allan Divisoria, 26, the driver of Nissan Bluebird (DJM 400) which was carrying the ERM employees.

The suspects, who were on board a motorcycle, took the bag containing the P2 million from another ERM employee, Kim Ayeng, while the car was stalled in traffic in the underpass in front of the City Hall at about 12:30 Wednesday. Ayeng was not injured.

"We've had incidents like this before," the investigator said. "They turned out to be inside jobs."

The Western Police District has released a sketch of one of the culprits, who did not even cover their faces during the daring noontime robbery.

A witness described one of the robbers as 23 to 35 years old, about 5-foot-5, fair complexioned and with a birthmark on the right cheek.

The other culprit was described as tall, slim, dark, about 5-foot-6 in height and had a receding hairline.

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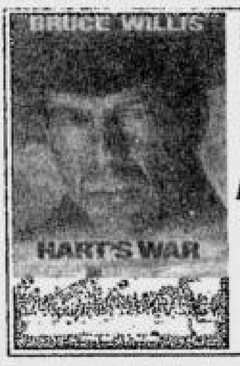

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Bands heat up 'Sarap to Sundown' summer festival 2002

THE BEST summer fun courtesy of San Miguel Beer continues to sizzle as the SMB "Sarap to Sundown" summer 2002 series kicks into high gear.

Luzon heats up as the "Wet Summer" Series in Culture Club, Libis, culminates tonight.

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Take to the mountains as San Mig Light co-presents the 23rd Annual Mountaineering Federation Congress in Barangay Magsanoc, Nueva Vizcaya from April 16 to 21.

The Atmosphere in MetroCentre Hotel, Tagbilaran City is the venue for the SMB Live Concert featuring the best bands in Cebu and Bohol on April 13.

That same night, the Y101-SMB Music Festival will rage on at the Cebu Plaza Grounds.

From April 12 to 21, SMB takes part in the festival, "Panaad sa Negros," with an exclusive night hosted by SMB on April 14.

The SMB Flag flies high over Boracay again with the "Sarap to Sundown" reggae festival featuring Brownman Revival on April 13, as well as the San Mig Light Boracay Bound Summer Series from April 12 to 14.

The fun continues with Celebrity X-Games again at Pearl of the Pacific and a frisbee competition on April 14 when SMB presents Barbie's Cradle live at Club Bazzura.

In Mindanao, SMB has three "Sarap to Sundown" parties on April 13. Groove to the music of Jack in the Box and Check It Out at the Waterfront Insular Hotel in Davao.

Join the volleyball tournament or the bikini open contest in the "Summer Heat 2002" in Garay Beach, Buenavista, Agusan del Norte.

The SMB Bikini Open will also heat things up in La Vista del Mar, Zamboanga City, with a beach party featuring the BNA Band.

Log on to smbsaraptosundown.pinoycentral.com for more updates.

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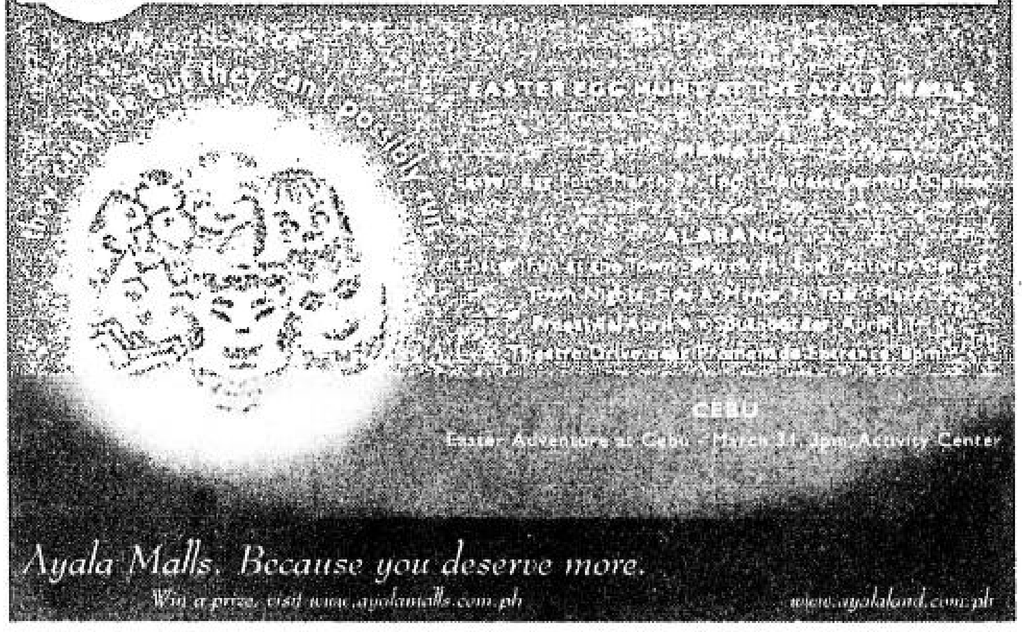
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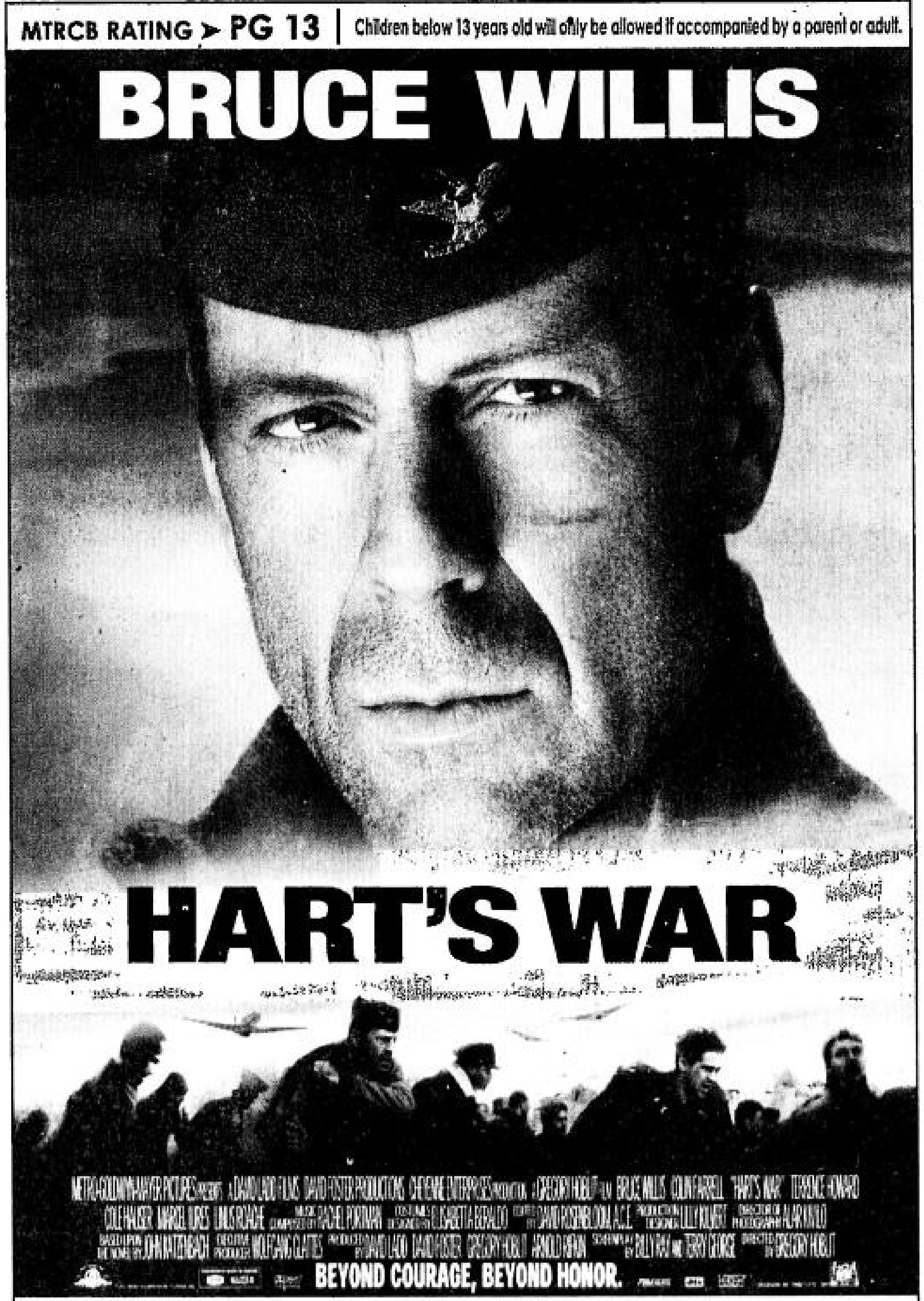

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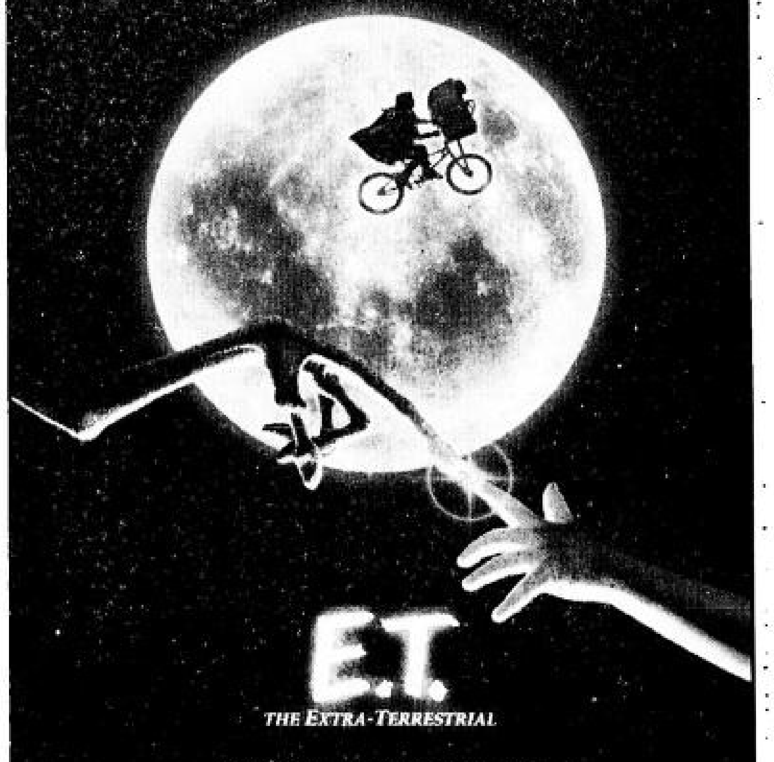

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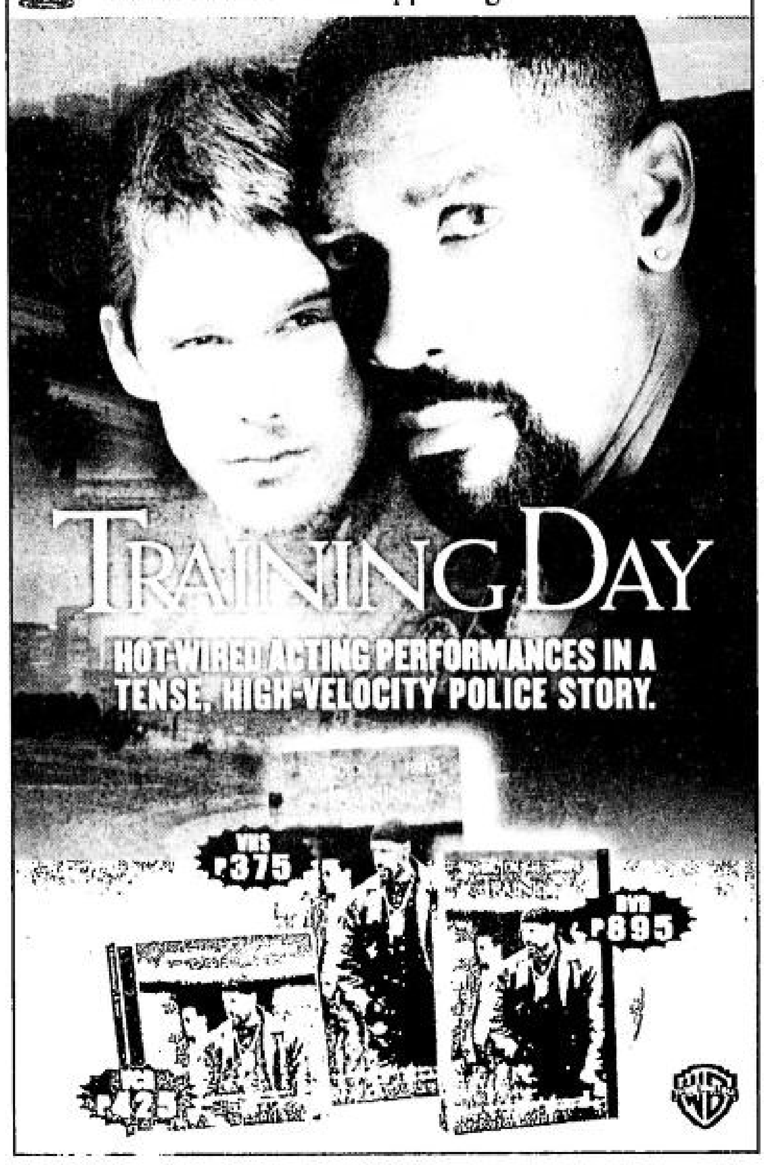

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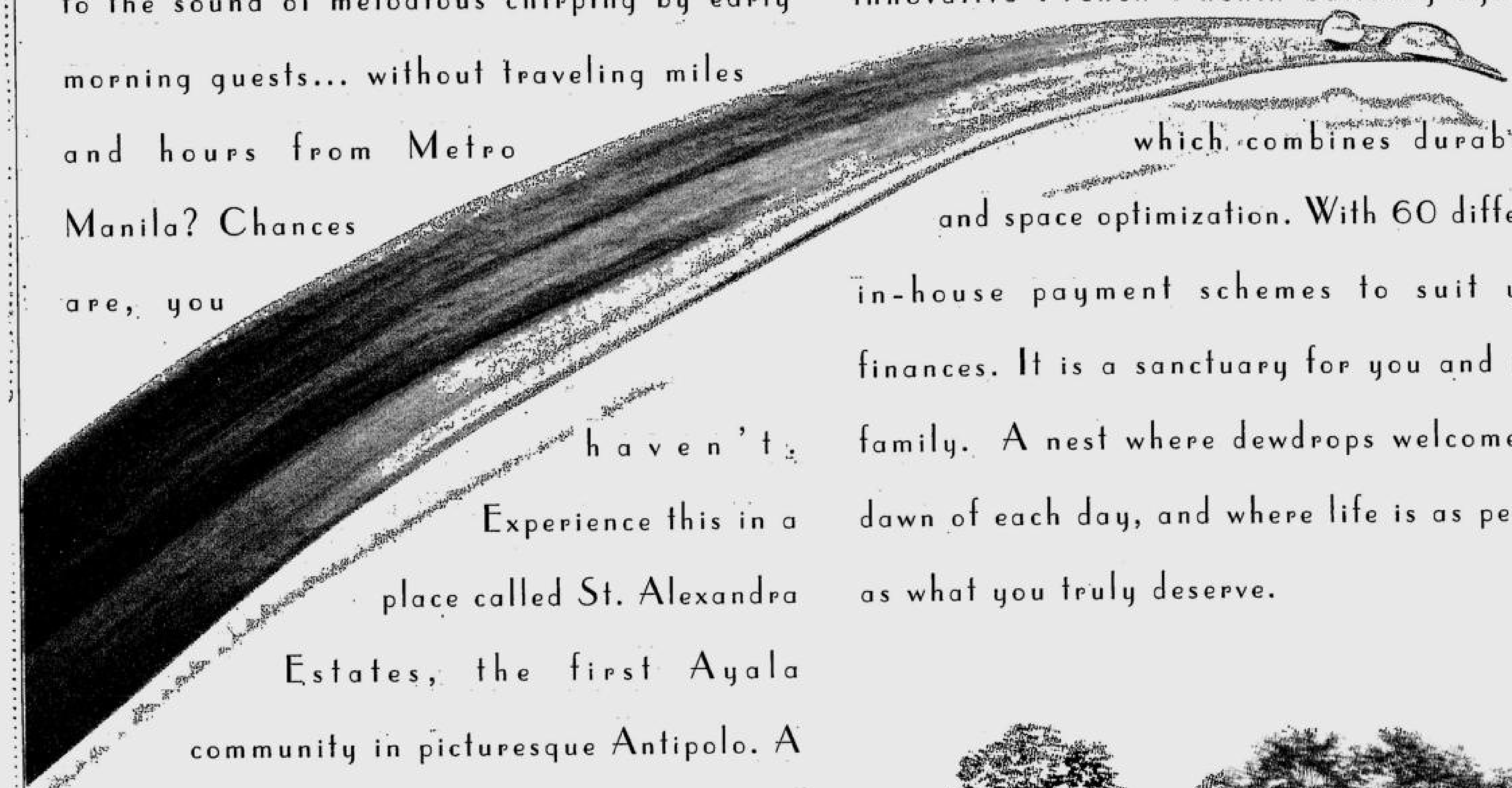

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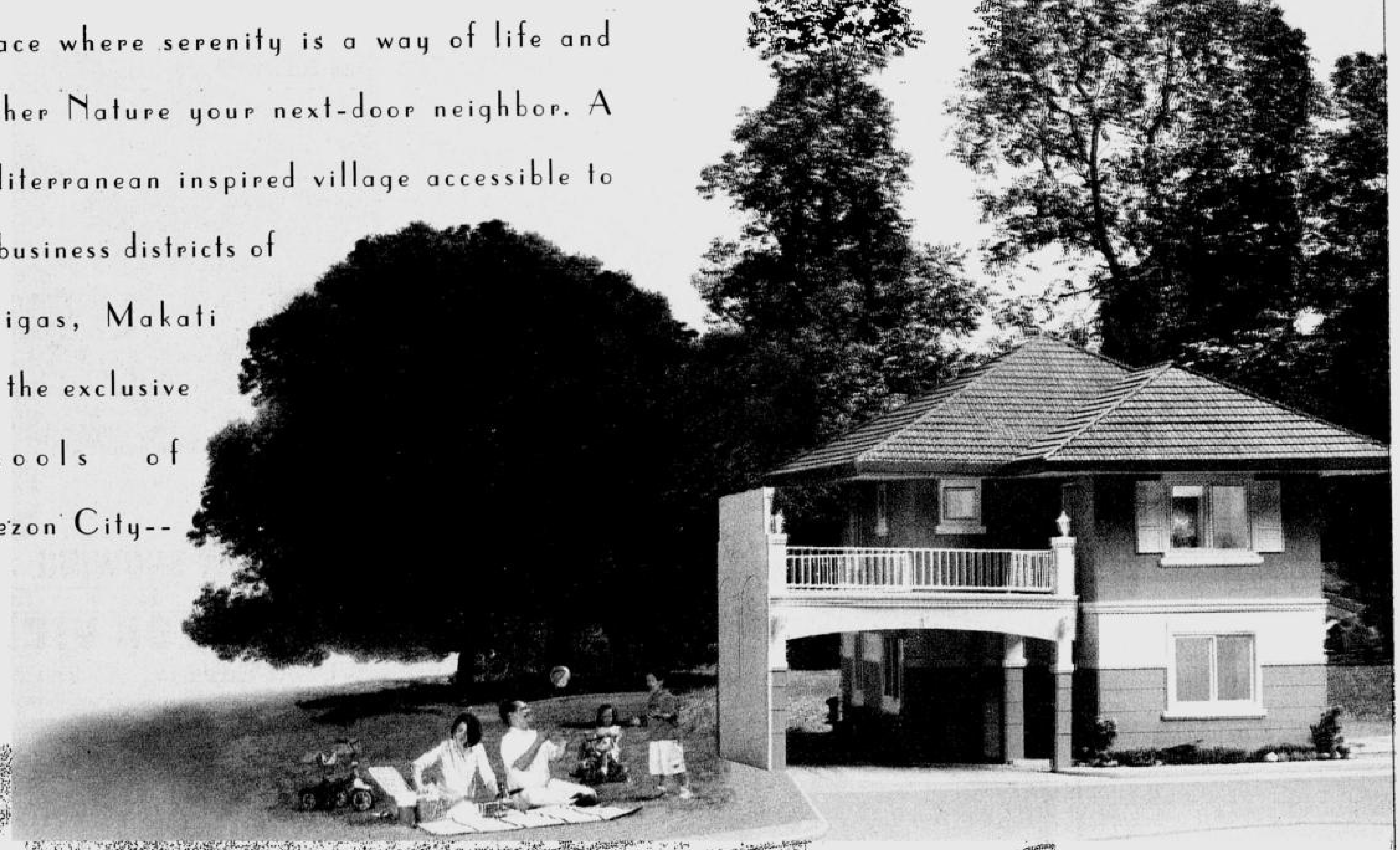

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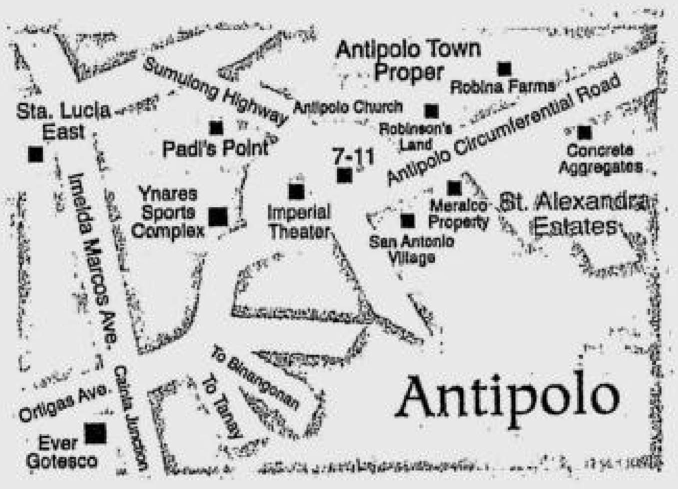
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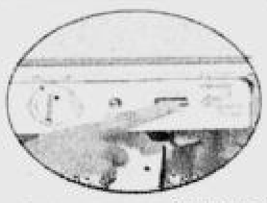

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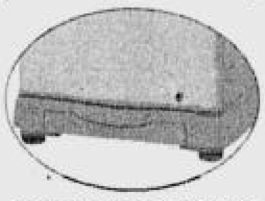

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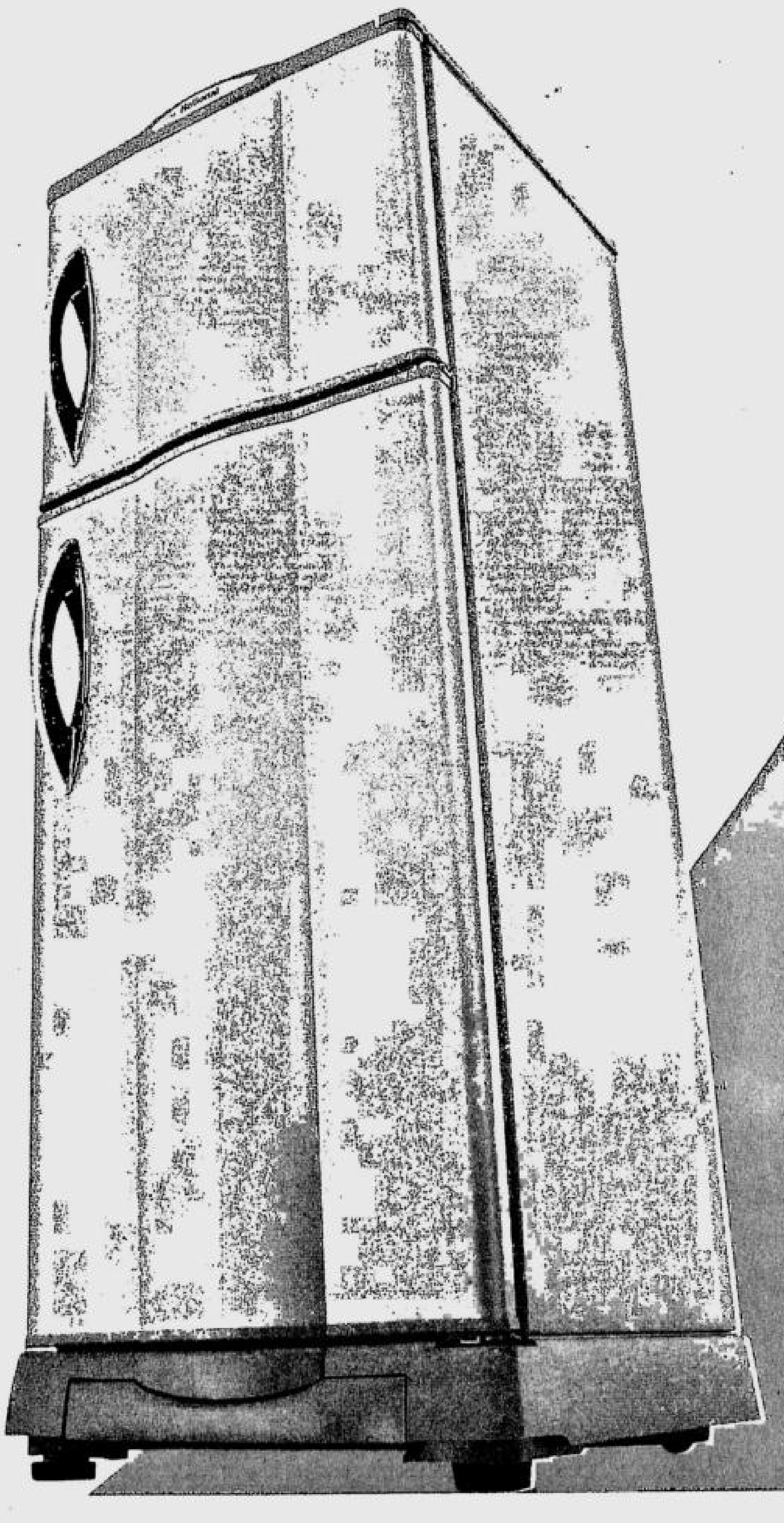

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Lea returns to Broadway in 'Flower Drum Song'

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Leah Salterio

AFTER a successful stint in the Los Angeles production of "Flower Drum Song" late last year, **Lea Salonga** gave her nod to do the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical in Broadway starting October.

Lea, who now lives in L.A., will return to her American home base in New York in August to start rehearsals for the musical. She has agreed to do it for a year to make her eligible for a Tony nomination. It will be remembered that Lea earned a Tony award when she played Kim in "Miss Saigon" in Broadway in 1991.

In "Flower Drum Song," Lea is set to reprise her role as Mei-Li which earned for her raves in L.A. After the musical opened at the Mark Taper Forum, Lea even landed on the front page of L.A. Times and was on the cover of the L.A. Times Magazine.

So Lea won't be coming home for Christmas like what she does every year. Her mom, **Ligaya Salonga**, who failed to watch her in L.A., vows to make the trip to New York when "Flower Drum Song" opens in Broadway in October.

The musical is based on the 1957 best-selling novel by C.Y. Lee, the story of Mei-Li, an innocent young refugee from Communist China and her new life and love in Chinatown.

The duo of Rodgers and Hammerstein transformed it into a Broadway musical then it became a Hollywood movie in 1961. Both productions were considered groundbreaking in their use of Asian actors to play Asian characters.

"Flower Drum Song" returns to Broadway, where it was first staged in 1958. The LA production last October was the first major revival of the musical since it made its Broadway debut in the '50s.

LEA Salonga as Mei-Li (left) with Sandra Allen in the Los Angeles production of "Flower Drum Song."

The classic has a new book by playwright **David Henry Hwang**, himself a Tony Award winner, with credits like "M. Butterfly" and "Aida."

As Mei-Li, Salonga gets to sing "A Hundred Million Miracles" and "I'm Going To Like It Here" from the original Broadway version, plus two new songs, "Love Look Away" and "The Next Time It Happens."

Controversial arrival

ABS-CBN got every exclusive right to the coverage of **Rico Yan**'s death, from the time the 27-year-old actor was wheeled out of the Palawan hospital and airlifted to Manila on board the Lopez chopper on Good Friday to his funeral at Manila Memorial Park last April 4.

Rico's death came as shocking news to the public, especially his fans, who blame his erstwhile flame **Claudine Barretto**.

Claudine was said to have dumped Rico months before the actor died and the young actress was seen with **Raymart Santiago** in Subic, when news about Rico's death broke out.

But we couldn't understand why ABS-CBN still insisted on an exclusive coverage even of the Tuesday afternoon arrival of Claudine from Hong Kong, where she hied off with her sisters **Gretchen** and **Marjorie** after Rico's burial.

While Claudine is an exclusive talent of the network and it is her prerogative not to grant any interviews, it was unclear why even the beat reporters at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport were banned from covering her arrival.

The ABS-CBN TV crew was given access up to the concourse area, right outside the passageway leading to the plane, while the other TV networks waited for the actress only at the airport customs lobby.

ABS-CBN Talent Center director **Johnny Manahan** reportedly instructed Claudine not to talk to reporters and told airport management that the network had rights to an exclusive coverage of the actress' arrival.

We were told Manahan also wanted airport reporters banned from the coverage earlier last Tuesday. But after the reporters complained, they were allowed to cover Claudine's controversial arrival.

ABS-CBN executive **Deo Endrinal** escorted the actress out of the Cathay Pacific plane and the network crew was given access to the highly restricted areas of the airport.

Before she left, Claudine promised to clear the air and answer all speculations about her. She even announced that she would hold a press conference. But when she arrived, Claudine did not give any statement and up to this writing, the media are still waiting for the press conference.

If and when Claudine decides to talk and explain her side, expect ABS-CBN to have another exclusive coverage and milk every moment on nationwide TV for what it's worth.

At the airport's VIP Room, sister **Marjorie Barretto** appealed to the reporters to give Claudine some privacy and spare her younger sister from being interviewed.

Marjorie said Claudine is still grieving over the loss of Rico.

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CONTROVERSIAL Claudine Barretto upon her arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

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COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO - P 13	MIMIC 2 - P 13	ICE AGE - GP
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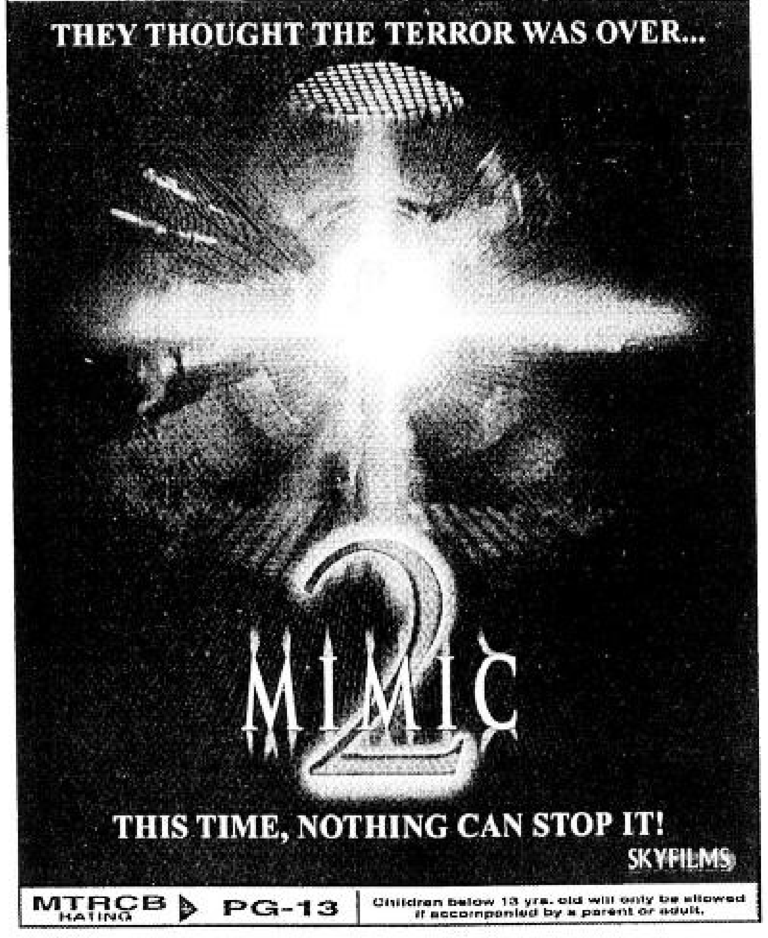

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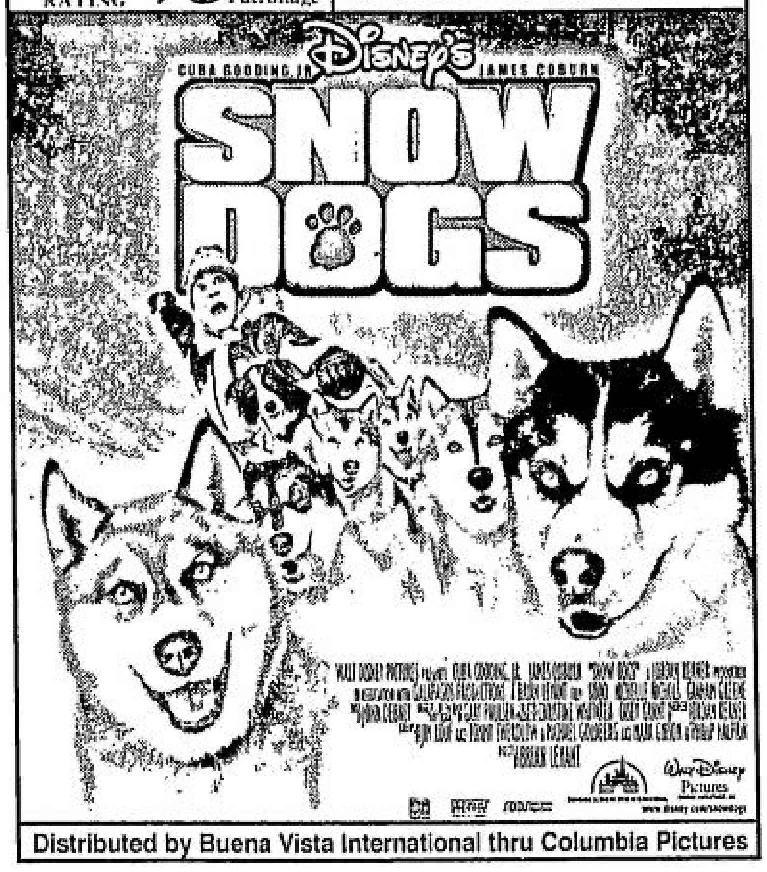

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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Jeans that 'forgive' the over-25

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

WE girls are constantly on the lookout for flattering jeans. Unfortunately, not all of us are blessed with Britney Spears abs, and low-rise jeans, which are current fashion's de rigueur, outfits, are truly unforgiving to almost everybody above 25. Low-rise jeans generally fall below or right on the navel, and can have a "rise" or crotch in-seam of about five inches; very low-rise jeans have about three inches.

This cut should be nixed if you have a prominent *puson*. And that's a problem for most Filipinas, especially those of us who have borne kids. No matter how much weight we manage to lose, there's still that stubborn deposit. It can best be described as a pouch of fat. And if you've had a Caesarian, there's almost no way of getting rid of it apart from a tummy tuck because the muscles have been sliced through.

I've found three pairs of jeans that are pleasantly forgiving. They can be classified as low-rise, or semi-low-rise, but miraculously are able to camouflage most of my unsightly bulges.

The first brand is Hot Kiss, available in the Juniors Department of Rustan's Tower at the Shangri-la Plaza. (I was told there's a bigger selection of Hot Kiss jeans in the "U" department of Rustan's Makati.) The jeans were displayed across from where the live action "Oscar the Grouch" in his can is displayed.

Josh can spend hours knocking on Oscar's can and listening to Oscar's dialogue. A mom's patience can only stretch so far, so I wander around and check out what's available for me.

I have a lingering fascination for the color orange, fostered by the fact that I read that it helps to promote good communication. My laptop and printer are orange, my living and dining room area is popsicle melon-orange. HHot Kiss has jeans with coppery side and hemline streaks on them. The jeans are really meant for the teenage set because they are sized 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11. For us women, sizes are normally 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14.

I was apprehensive about their fit, but I felt there was no harm, except to my ego, if I gave them a shot.

Yehey! They fit great! I recommend these jeans because they hug the hips and shape the butt, and there must be some magic in their cut because they really give the illusion of a minimized *puson*.

I was also able to get a pair of pink-tinged boot-cut jeans that had the right amount of lycra for stretch without looking like second-skin, mid-'80s jeans that fit like leggings.

My second recommendation is Giordano's capri jeans. These are sized from 24 to 31, so almost everybody can get into them. I bought mine at the Giordano at Shangri-la Plaza. My cousin Rina who introduced me to them got hers at the Robinson's Galleria branch.

It's summertime and these look great with slides, thong sandals, mule sneakers and low-heeled sandals. The length elongates the leg because the sexy parts of the calf and ankle are exposed. The denim is softly stone-washed, and there's a slight flare below the knee that really flatters the hip. They are great to wear casually at the mall or to do the grocery. They can be worn with a fitted t-shirt or they can be dressed up with a crisp, three-quarters sleeved polo either in white or a bright summery shade of pink, aqua, yellow, or mint green for an afternoon meeting or a dinner get-together.

The last brand is recommended if you want jeans for bar-hopping, watching a concert or seeing a movie with a guy you'd like to eventually get more intimate with. These jeans are Gap's stretch modern boot cut jeans in a dark blue indigo rinse. I got mine in the US (I hoarded and have six pairs) but they are now available in In Style Apparel in Glorietta 3.

They make your legs look longer and shapelier, and they look best over stilletos or boots. They are a sex appeal enhancer! The darker color is a confidence booster because the thighs appear slimmer, and shirts, blouses and off-the-shoulder Bohemian tops fall so seductively well over them.

Surprises on the TV soap front

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

QUITE suddenly, last Monday evening, GMA 7 drastically altered the competition for viewership versus the traditional frontrunner, ABS-CBN. The heightened rivalry began at 7 p.m., when Channel 7 started replaying the popular "Mari Mar" soap starring **Thalia**. The show has been seen before in these parts, but after the passage of some years, it looks like many viewers want to see it again.

At 7:30 p.m., "Mari Mar" was followed by "Monica Brava," which may be less popular with local viewers, but still no pushover in the ratings game.

Then came "Sana, Ikaw na Nga," which has its own audience of local viewers. The weird thing about this particular local soap last Monday was the "instant" death scene of the character played by **Cogie Domingo**, so the actor would be free to assume another character in the new soap, "Kung Mawawala Ka," that was premiering later that night. How adjustable can an actor get?

As the evening progressed, the programs went overtime, so the new soap, which was supposed to start telecasting at 8:30 p.m., went on the air only after 9 p.m.—and ended close to 10 p.m. By that time, of course, this viewer felt enervated.

Still, when "Kung Mawawala Ka" finally began telling its story, its grand manner was initially attractive and visually compelling. Its first sequence was a "big scene" that showed Gov. Montemayor, played by **Eddie Garcia**, celebrating his nth birthday on a ship.

The unusual setting gave the soap a special visual lift, and the excitement intensified when a helicopter suddenly attacked the ship, intent on causing the governor harm.

The helicopter was soon put out of commission, but not after the goons in it had severely injured the governor, who was rushed to a hospital in a desperate attempt to save his life.

This was when another compelling twist presented itself: it turned out that the governor had *three* families, so the human traffic to and from his hospital room soon became very heavy.

At first, his legal wife, Illuminada (**Liza Lorena**) had him all to himself—but not for long. A mistress (**Gloria Diaz**) soon tried to barge into the room, and had to be turned away. And, at the end of the first episode, another mistress' (**Hilda Koronel**) daughter (**Sunshine Dizon**) was fully bent on seeing her injured father.

This three-family motif clicks with local viewers because it mirrors our reality, especially when it comes to politicians. It also makes for a lot of catty conflicts between competing women and half-siblings, which are exactly what the spin doctor ordered for melodramatic TV soaps like this.

On the minus side, after that big and splashy birthday celebration, the new soap quickly lost its visual scope and grandeur and became just a series of small scenes.

Still, some characters came on strong even after only one telecast. The most striking was the character played by **Princess Punzalan**, who is cast as Eddie's "legitimate" daughter. Princess didn't really have many intensely dramatic scenes, but the subtle sense of evil that she dispensed made her character a warped winner.

Summing up, the new soap may have many big stars but didn't really make a major impact last Monday, but GMA 7's combination of replayed and new soaps could wrest away a substantial portion of Channel 2's usual audience—unless ABS-CBN soon comes up with counter moves and surprises of its own.

Young musician plays in Arkdia acoustic nights

ARKDIA, The Entertainment Venue, changes the notion that acoustic sound is old, with its latest programming featuring Nyoy Volante acoustics on Sundays and early evenings of Mondays and Tuesdays this April.

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At Arkdia, Nyoy and Ronnie also do front act to the M-Series on Mondays and Fat Session on Tuesdays.

Club Arkdia is at Remedios st. in Malate. For inquiries or reservation, you may call 400-9974.

Weekend bar tour

WEEKEND partying gets hotter this month as the Mild Seven team continues its tour of the trendiest nightspots in town.

Gorgeous Mild Seven models Joanna, Janice, Josephine, Stephanie, Andrea, Audrey, RJ and Joy will go around town this weekend to give a taste of Mild Seven in original or lights.

The team will also search for seven partyphiles smoking Mild Seven cigarettes in each bar. Every individual will win Mild Seven premium items like lighters, caps, T-shirts, umbrellas or car gears.

On Friday, watch out for the Mild Seven team when they visit Cable Car, San Mig, Fat Tuesday, Tequila Joe's, Studio One and RanKanKan in Alabang.

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UNLIKELY ALLIANCE. The mentally challenged Sam Dawson, played by Sean Penn, gets help from his high-powered lawyer Rita Harrison (Michelle Pfeiffer).

Unique testament to the power of unconditional love

DIRECTOR Jessie Nelson's "I Am Sam" is a powerful, emotional film about love, parenthood and the bonds of family.

"I'm fascinated by what makes a family and how people create that in untraditional ways," says Nelson, who also wrote the screenplay of the film with Kristine Johnson.

"I think all parents at times feel confused and overwhelmed. It is a common bond between every parent and kid on the planet, whether you're disabled or not. Parents who are disabled provide a unique metaphor for how we're all trying to get through an incredibly challenging world and how we all ultimately need some type of support system."

Sean Penn, who earned an Academy nomination for "I Am Sam," plays Sam Dawson, a mentally challenged father who raises his seven-year-old daughter Lucy (Dakota Fanning) with the help of an extraordinary group of friends.

Raising a child is never easy, but like everybody, Sam has learned to adapt. Sam and Lucy have gotten through the basics, though not always in the correct way, with the help of Sam's tightly knit group of friends.

Though Lucy's life has never been what anyone would ever call "normal," it has always been animated with humor and full of love.

As Lucy turns seven and begins to intellectually surpass her father, their close bond is threatened when their situation comes under the scrutiny of a social worker who wants Lucy placed in a foster care.

Faced with a seemingly losing case, Sam vows to fight the legal system and forms an unlikely alliance with Rita Harrison (Michelle Pfeiffer), a high-powered, self-absorbed attorney who initially takes his case pro bono as a challenge from her colleagues.

On the surface, the two couldn't be farther apart, but in reality they are subtly similar. Sam's compulsive nature mirrors Rita's more socially acceptable obsessive-compulsive nature. Her manic need for perfection and success alienates her from her own son and has been slowly destroying her self-worth.

Together, they struggle to convince the system that Sam deserves to get his daughter back and, in the process, fuse a bond that results in a unique testament to the power of unconditional love.

The film also stars Dianne Wiest, Richard Schiff, Loretta Devine and Laura Dern.

The film features a soundtrack of contemporary covers of classic Beatles songs, recorded by such acclaimed artists as Sheryl Crow, Eddie Vedder, Ben Harper, Ben Folds, The Wallflowers, Sarah McLachlan, Aimee Mann and Michael Penn.

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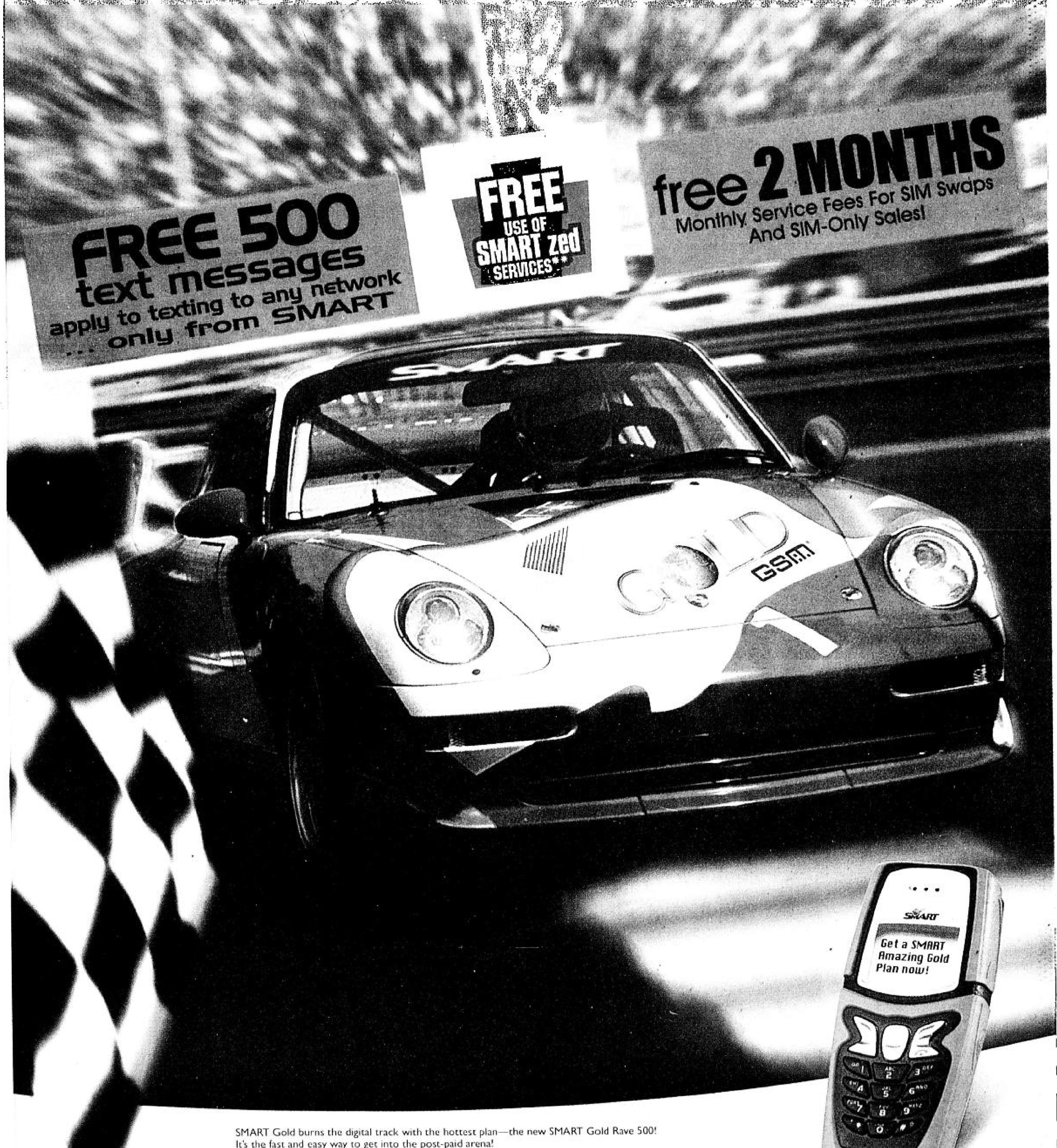
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Abuse of TRO powers by courts hit

Businessmen ask GMA to intervene

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE AMERICAN Chamber of Commerce is urging President Macapagal-Arroyo to immediately resolve foreign investor concerns about the propensity of local courts to issue temporary restraining orders (TRO).

In a statement, Amcham said TROs were being issued too frequently and haphazardly against foreign investors who have received the go-ahead signal to proceed with their businesses from national and local authorities.

Amcham noted that TROs—that range from three to 20 days—were granted to protect the claimants' rights from immediate and irreparable injury by preventing an act until a hearing could be held or an injunction could be ordered. The group said it had received reports from foreign investors of abuses committed by trial justices in issuing TROs.

Amcham executive director Robert Sears stressed the need to resolve this significant judicial issue promptly and fairly considering that it involved foreign business relations.

The President had issued Administrative Circular No. 07-99 which cautioned trial judges to observe utmost caution, prudence and judiciousness in issuing TROs. The President also urged them to abide by Presidential Decree No. 1818 which prohibits the issuance of TROs in cases involving government infrastructure projects.

Amcham's appeal echoed the US Trade Representative report on the Philippines raising concerns over the abuses by Philippine courts in issuing TROs which delayed investment projects in the country.

The USTR said there was a propensity of courts and regulators to stray beyond matters of legal interpretation into policymaking functions.

It said investors had complained that these officials rarely have any background in economics, business or a competitive economic system which allow entrenched economic interests to manipulate the legal system and regulatory process to protect market positions.

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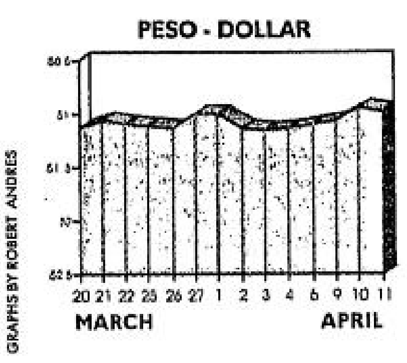

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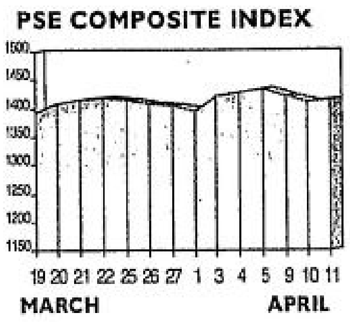

(See stock market report on Page B4)

SHARE prices yesterday rose 0.3 percent as investors awaited earnings results for the first three months of the year, analysts said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index gained 4.74 points to 1,414.78.

"The market is looking to first quarter earnings for further confirmation on whether the current rally can continue," said Jacob Nocom of Asiasec Equities Inc.

Turnover fell to 432.13 million shares but value rose to P627.12 million from 637 million shares worth P533 million on Wednesday.

Filinvest Land Inc. gained 15 centavos to P2.65 while Ayala Land Inc. rose by 10 centavos to P7.20.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. gained P10 to P555 but Ayala Corp. remained unchanged at P6.30 while Bank of the Philippine Islands declined by 50 centavos to P66.50.

Traders said some investors were cautious about the Middle East crisis escalating as this would impact on the expected global economic recovery this year.

"We are in a period where there's a lack of market-moving corporate development, there's no impetus to accumulate," said Oliver Plana, analyst of Asiasec Equities Inc.

Filinvest, the top traded issue, gained 15 centavos, or 6 percent, to end at P2.65 on speculative play about rumored plans by the firm to declare stock dividends.

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Wal-Mart, 3 others plan to put up shopping malls in 'Global City'

By Doris C. Dumlao

RETAIL tycoon Henry Sy's SM group and Robinsons Land Corp. of the Gokongweis are finalizing separate property deals with Fort Bonifacio Development Corp. for the establishment of superstores or malls in the 150-hectare Global City.

FBDC is also in the thick of negotiations with foreign retail giants Wal-Mart Stores Inc. of the US and Tesco Plc. of the UK for the possible setting up of their respective stores in the Global City, a source privy to the talks said.

S & R membership superstore of California-based Pricemart Inc., which opened last year, is so far the only retailer in the area.

The source said that FDBC was keen on incorporating a vast retail component in the Global City's development plan through a combination of land lease and land purchase deals with interested retailers. A portion of the central business district near the S&R superstore will likely be earmarked for the retail hub.

FBDC's bid to attract big foreign and local retailers to locate in the area, the source explained, was "a creative approach to speed up Global City's development."

In the case of the SM and Gokongwei groups, the source said that an agreement could be signed within the next 30 to 45 days. The deals would provide for either an outright land purchase or a lease for more than 20 years.

The source noted that the two local groups were keen on pursuing retail and mixed-use projects in the Global City especially since rival Ayala Land Inc. had strategically positioned itself in the same area, although outside FBDC's development.

ALI will soon start the construction of a P4.7-billion shopping mall in Taguig to be named Market! Market! It will cater to lower-to-middle segments of the retail market. The project will be put up on a 10-ha lot along C-5 road that was acquired by ALI from the Bases Conversion and Development Authority.

In line with its expansion strategy, SM Prime Holdings Inc. plans to open two malls yearly.

RLC, the property arm of JG Summit Holdings Inc., for its part,

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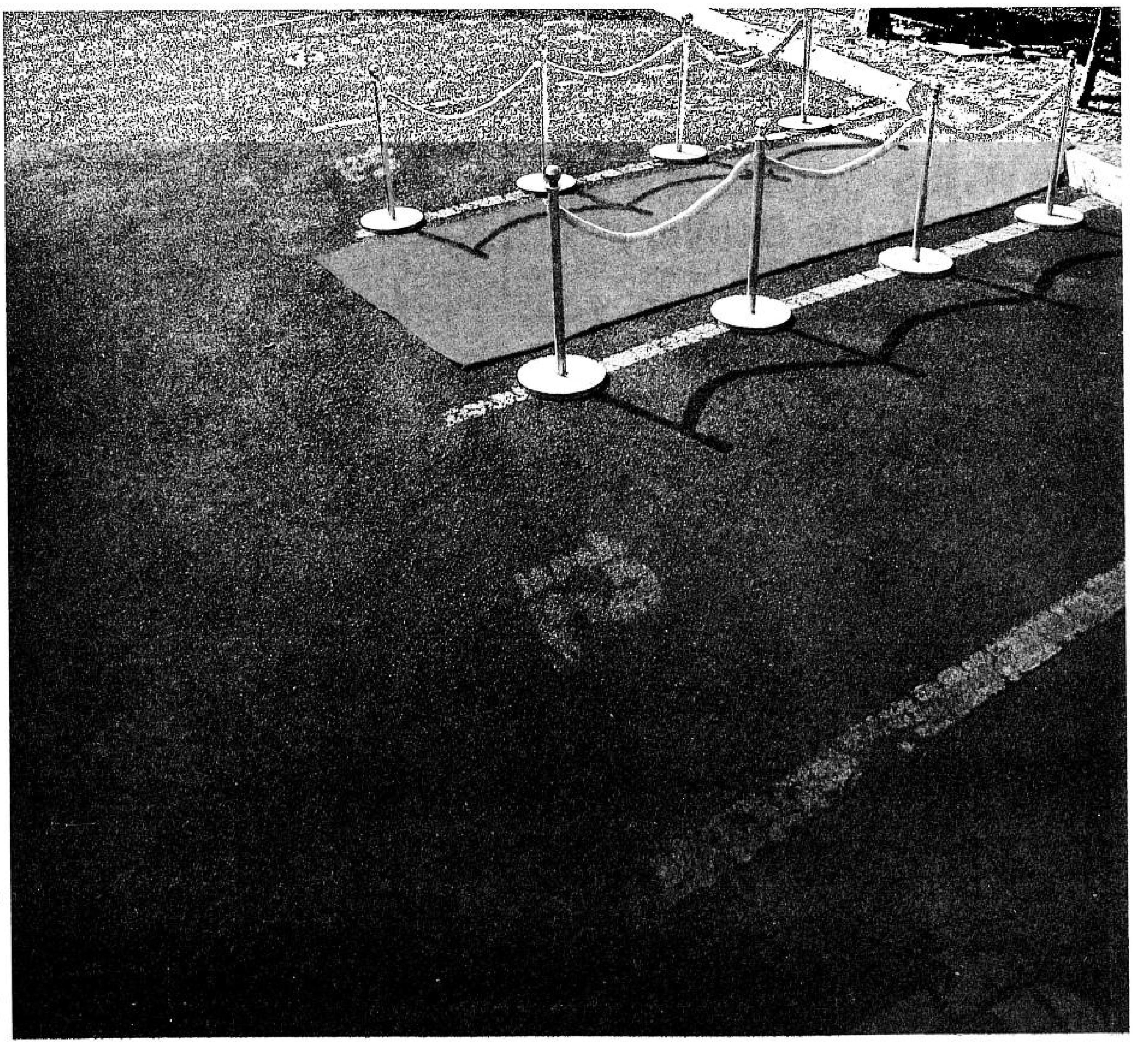


BSP keeps key policy rates unchanged

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE MONETARY Board, the policy-making body of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, yesterday decided to adopt a cautious monetary policy stance and kept its overnight borrowing and lending rates unchanged at 7 percent and 9.25 percent, respectively.

The decision was aimed at giving the BSP some room to respond accordingly to a possible build-up in inflationary pressures.

In a statement, BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said inflation has been tame over the last few months because of favorable food supply, broad currency stability and restrained demand.

"However, the Monetary Board believes that there are downside risks to the inflation outlook heading toward 2003," Buenaventura said.

"These risks stem from the adverse impact on food prices of the anticipated El Niño dryspell, the increasing world oil prices and the possible power rate adjustments. Also, signs of a US-led global economic turnaround and the strengthening demand in the domestic market point to rising demand-side price pressures," he added.

"These factors suggest the need for a cautious monetary policy stance that will ensure timely response to possible build-up in inflationary pressures."

The BSP has slashed its policy rates by 800 basis points over the past 16 months. The last rate-cutting exercise in mid-March brought the overnight borrowing rate to a 10-year low of 7.0 percent with the overnight lending rate at 9.25 percent.

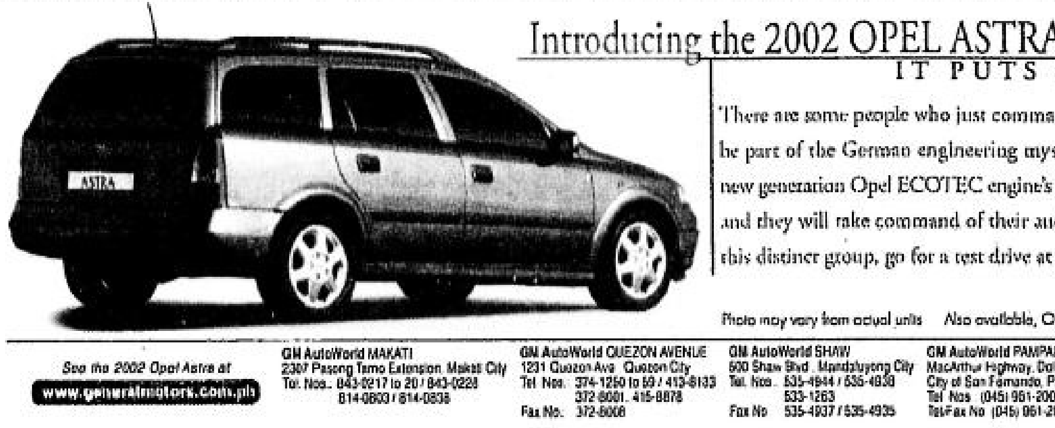
The BSP noted that the decline in its key rates and a low inflation rate had led to lower real interest rates in the Philippines, even if compared to the rates in most Asian countries.

The average real lending rate of 5.1 percent for the first three days of this month was better than the rates in Hong Kong, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Malaysia and was below the real lending rates that prevailed in the country since February 1999.

"The decline in the real interest rate is expected to help create economic conditions for increased bank lending, bolstering the economic growth momentum," the BSP said.

Meanwhile, in a meeting yesterday morning, the technical working group of the interagency Development Budget Coordinating Committee agreed to keep this year's inflation target at 5-6 percent instead of scaling it down to 4.5-5.5 percent.

Earlier, Buenaventura said he agreed with Economic Planning Secretary Dante Canlas that the inflation target should not be changed considering the rising world oil prices that could impact on inflation.



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US protests Manila's new meat safety requirement

By Christine A. Gaylican

The US Department of Agriculture is set to file a protest with the World Trade Organization if the Philippines refuses to withdraw a new safety requirement on meat imports.

US Agricultural Attaché Michael Woolsey said other exporters of meat products to the Philippines, namely Australia, Canada and Belgium, were likely to make a similar move.

"We will take this up before the WTO's SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary) committee if the Philippines doesn't withdraw the new measure. I can almost guarantee that's going to happen, so I hope they don't do it," Woolsey told a news conference.

Under the WTO's rules, the SPS committee will decide whether sufficient grounds exist for the United States to initiate formal proceedings against the Philippines.

Last December, the Department of Agriculture issued an administrative order that required a safety compliance certificate and a chain of custody certification checklist on all meat imports entering the Philippines.

The order has not been implemented yet, pending formulation of relevant rules and regulations.

Woolsey calls the new measure "unnecessary," as the United States already implements an inspection system that guarantees the safety of its meat products and allows them to be traced to the plant or warehouse of origin.

"The new requirement will only disrupt shipments, cost a lot more money when they (Philippine Department of Agriculture) themselves confirmed that they are not aware of any meat safety concerns," Woolsey said.

US exports of poultry, beef and pork products to the Philippines total about $30 million annually.

Local meat processors have expressed apprehension over the new requirement, which they say may delay imports they need for their products.

Don't risk career over cement, Roxas told

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

TRADE Secretary Manuel Roxas II may have to kiss his political ambition goodbye if he insists on refusing to reimburse duty payments made by cement importers on their shipments over the last three months, according to a former senator.

"Roxas could be dismissed from office and perpetually disqualified from holding any public office. He cannot even be a dogcatcher in the country," former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said.

Enrile, author of the Safeguard Measures Act, said Roxas was liable for gross neglect of duty for refusing to heed a Tariff Commission ruling rejecting the Philippine Cement Manufacturers Corp.'s petition to impose punitive duties and quotas on cement imports.

Enrile said Roxas should now be instructing the Bureau of Customs to reimburse P78 million worth of duties that it had collected since a provisional duty on cement imports was imposed in December.

The trade secretary has declared that despite the Tariff Commission's ruling, the government will continue collecting a provisional duty of P20.60 per bag on cement imports for the full 200 days that it is supposed to take effect, or until June 28.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has so far been supporting Roxas' position on the issue.

Enrile stressed that the Tariff Commission's ruling could not be overturned by either the President or Roxas or any other member of the Cabinet, and that Philcemcor's only recourse was to file an appeal with the Court of Tax Appeal.

"If Roxas was allowed to overturn the Tariff Commission's decision or impose duties on imports, there would be no need for safeguard measures," Enrile said.

At the House of Representatives, Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles said the cement issue "should be won by the group who could offer the cheapest to the public, preferably not higher than P100 to P105 per bag."

"It really doesn't matter if cement manufacturers would have to close shop because of the entry of cheaper cement. At the end of the day, the bottom line would be which among the two squabbling parties can give us high-quality and cheaper cement products," Nograles, chair of the House committee on housing and urban development, said in a statement.

An industry report, meanwhile, warned that should the government lift its P20.60 per bag provisional duty, cement imports would again corner at least 35 percent of the domestic market.

The report released figures showing that in March alone, importers brought in over 3.3 million bags of cement into the country, nearly 50 percent more than the February figure of 2.3 million bags and more than twice as much as January's 1.06 million bags.

ERRATUM

IN THE article "BPI fund manager announces plan to invest more in stocks," the last paragraph appeared incorrectly. The word "bearish" was inadvertently placed instead of the word "bullish." The paragraph should have read:

"BPI Investment Management Inc. head Jo Ann Eala said the group was BULLISH on 10 stocks, including those of SM Prime, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., San Miguel Corp. and ABS-CBN Broadcasting Communications, apart from Bank of the Philippine Islands itself and BPI's parent firm, Ayala Corp."

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Latest on retrenchments and redundancies

LABOR MANAGEMENT FORUM

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SOCIAL conflicts in the workplace and corporate world usually arise from the workers' struggle for security of tenure and well-being, on one hand, and the businessmen's continuing search for system improvement to save their companies from ballooning costs and enhance their continuing profitability, competitiveness and survival, on the other.

Between labor and capital, there stands the government's constitutional mandate to afford full protection to the working class, as well as respect the prerogatives of employers to make sound business judgments and allow them reasonable returns on investments as well as expansion and growth. The challenge to balance the conflicting interests of labor and capital becomes even more difficult to attain a globally competitive business environment.

Supreme Court's role

When the corporate framework, as well as collective bargaining mechanisms, are unable to provide immediate and reliable solutions to labor disputes, the government labor adjudication system is called upon—from the DOLE, NLRC, Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court—to provide viable answers to recurring labor issues.

The high court has issued rulings that give some good news to business for these stress the principle that protection to labor did not mean oppression of capital. We refer to three cases involving Pepsi Cola (GR 141947, July 5, 2001), San Miguel Corp. (GR 1428745, Sept. 7, 2001) and DOLE Philippines (GR 120009, Sept. 13, 2001).

Pepsi Cola case

The Supreme Court sustained Pepsi in its decision to separate sales managers on the ground of redundancy. The streamlining of the company's operations resulted in the abolition of the managers' positions. New positions, however, were subsequently created, leading to the appointment of new personnel doing different jobs and having different qualifications.

The court held that Pepsi should be respected in making its own business judgement on how to run its business. The government cannot tell Pepsi how to manage its affairs. The wisdom or soundness of its business decisions cannot be questioned in court. Otherwise, the government would be the one running our business world.

San Miguel case

In San Miguel, the Supreme Court also approved the company's separation of an employee as a result of a corporate restructuring and reorganization. These interventions were driven by the need for corporate modernization by bringing in world-class technology and a continuing systems and organizational development program.

In San Miguel, the court anchored its ruling on the fact that the employee was a very learned man who signed a quit-claim after getting a 175-percent separation package over and above what the law mandated. The court held that there was no exploitation and that the employee got more than what the law provided. This is not the usual case where employers take advantage of the innocents.

DOLE case

In the DOLE Philippines case, the highest court affirmed the redundancy of about 3,000 workers in its Mindanao plantations, reversing the NLRC, which ordered their reinstatement and payment of back wages, and moral and exemplary damages, including lawyers' fees.

The court stressed that reorganization, as a cost-saving device, was well-recognized by our jurisprudence. An employer is not precluded from adopting policies conducive to a more economical and effective management. Thus, even if the company is not suffering from losses, it can undertake measures to improve its level of profitability.

Meaning of redundancy

In the Pepsi case, the high court clarified that redundancy existed in a company when the workforce was in excess of what was reasonably needed to meet the demands of the enterprise. A redundant position is one rendered superfluous by a number of factors, such as over-hiring of workers, decreased volume of business, dropping of a particular product line or phasing out of a service.

The owner's judgment as to which position is redundant is a business decision that cannot be inquired into by the court for to do so will, in effect, allow the government to unduly interfere in the manner of managing a business. That will then be tantamount to depriving one of his properties without due process of law.

Evidence unnecessary

The court clarified in the Pepsi case too that the 30-day notice, provided in Article 283 of the Labor Code, is rendered unnecessary by the consent of the worker himself. By agreeing to his separation, an employee acknowledges the existence of a valid cause, thus there is no need to notify him. Neither is there a need to submit evidence on this.

In the DOLE case, it was stressed that the law did not require that the employer should be suffering from financial losses before he could declare some positions redundant. Thus, no evidence to this effect was required.

Validity of quit-claims

In the San Miguel case, the court held that while quit-claims and releases were generally contrary to public policy, there were nevertheless voluntary agreements that represented reasonable settlements and were considered binding on the parties. The court emphasized that while it was the duty of courts to be vigilant in preventing the exploitation of employees, it also behooved them to protect the integrity of contracts so long as these were not contrary to law.

The Supreme Court likewise held that the hiring of casuals after the redundancy was not necessarily indicative of bad faith, and that the company could adopt criteria in redundancy programs to eliminate undesirable workers and worst performers.

It is, thus, clear that a new trend in labor jurisprudence has been ushered into our labor front. The days ahead are not really that gloomy for businessmen. Let us wait how the labor sector will react to this. *(For comments, you can reach the writer at the following e-mail address: josephus.jimenez@pcppi.com.ph)*

For the first time; 3 local firms allowed to export mangoes to US

THREE Filipino companies have been allowed for the first time to export mangoes to the United States beginning this month, the Department of Agriculture has disclosed.

The department said the US Department of Agriculture had allowed Marsman Drysdale Food Corp., Diamond Star Agro Production Corp. and DHM Corp. to ship fresh mangoes mostly from Guimaras Island to the United States.

US Agricultural Attaché Michael Woolsey confirmed this in a news conference on Wednesday.

Agriculture quarantine officer Reli Santos said a USDA inspector would come to the Philippines on April 20 to determine how much the Philippines could export to the United States.

"It would also depend on the orders from the US market and the production capacity of Guimaras," Santos said.

The Philippines has yet to secure from Australia a clearance to export fresh pineapples and bananas despite bilateral negotiations between Manila and Canberra over the past five years.

The Macapagal administration is hoping to get Canberra to live up to its standing commitment to release by June this year an import risk analysis of Philippine fruits that will open access to Australia's markets.

The Philippines is seeking to end Australia's 20-year ban on Philippine fruits that include pineapple, mango, coconut peat and banana.

Canberra bans all mango imports from the Philippines except those produced in Guimaras. Australia imported Philippine mangoes until 1998, when it outlawed a chemical treatment by Philippine growers.

Manila and Canberra have set high-level talks this month to look at widening market access for their agricultural products in each other's markets. *Christine A. Gaylican*

Severe punishment for graft sought

THE BUSINESS community is asking the government to punish corruption severely, especially by imprisonment, calling for material rewards to those who fight corruption.

This is one of the most important findings of the latest survey on enterprises done by independent pollster Social Weather Stations.

Out of 505 companies surveyed from September to December last year, the SWS said 52 percent wanted imprisonment for those found guilty of corruption, and 20 percent said corrupt public and private officials should be meted the death penalty.

Another 17 percent wanted these officials removed from their positions.

Majority of the enterprises surveyed that dealt with the government said the most common form of corruption was in the supply of goods and services to public agencies.

Several groups are now pushing for the approval of a law to fight corruption in the procurement of goods and services, as well as in the awarding of infrastructure contracts by the government.

Under a proposed government procurement reform bill, those found guilty of collusion, connivance and providing false information and representation and any public official found conspiring with them will be imprisoned for not less than six years but not more than 15 years.

If the proposed bill is passed, this will be the first time that conspiracies in public bidding will be defined and penalized to prevent illegal schemes and frauds in government procurement.

The government hopes to institutionalize administrative measures currently being undertaken to improve transparency and minimize discretion in the bidding of government contracts with the proposed procurement reform law.

SGV: Sayonara to a gasping venture

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

THE WORD is out.

SGV is preparing to ditch its 17-year-old partnership with Arthur Andersen, in a move to distance itself from the fallout of its rapidly crumbling American principal.

The top SGV partners have been holding hastily arranged meetings with local accounting firms who have tie-ups with the other Big Five firms in the hope of forging either an alliance or an outright merger.

However, instead of a giant in trouble, SGV is taking on the posture of an acquirer, according to the grapevine.

Apparently, SGV chair and managing partner Cesar Purisima is reviving the old SGV Group, Asia's largest audit group before it merged with the Chicago-based giant in 1985.

Purisima, according to the grapevine, hopes to leverage the revivified SGV network—he is said to have been rounding up ex-SGVers now stationed in Bangkok, Jakarta, Hong Kong, Singapore, Saigon, Kuala Lumpur and Taipei—in order to hammer out better terms for the firm from its prospective partner.

One of the local firms that had been approached has already rejected the merger proposal, calling the SGV conditions "downright unpalatable."

A major concern among the local firms with Big Five tie-ups is the genuine possibility of their foreign partner discarding them in favor of the SGV, by virtue of the latter's sheer size.

For example, one local firm that had been approached for a possible merger said that the SGV principals wanted to take on the chair and vice chair's positions, despite their relative youthfulness against the prospective partners.

SGV has given its prospective local partners until today to submit their respective counter-proposals, according to the grapevine.

Enchantments at Eight

OCCUPANCY rates must still be 'bad among the Manila Bay hotels.

A five-star hotel in the area has quietly converted one whole floor as a "health club" where, for an introductory price of P750 for 1-1/2 hours, any walk-in customer could get a hotel room and be "serviced" by a young, female attendant of his choice.

The customer gets to choose from a line-up of eager-to-please attendants through what is known in the industry as an "aquarium."

The "health club" is on the hotel's eighth floor, apparently in the hope of enticing the moneyed Hong Kong male tourists that have become the hotel's main market as well as the local Chinoys—the number "8" supposedly exuding good feng shui because it rhymes with "wealth" in Chinese.

Hirohito's holiday

APRIL 29—which Malacañang declared a non-working day, being a Monday, in lieu of May 1, a Wednesday—happens to also be the

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Wal-Mart, 3 others plan . . .

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plans to spend up to P4 billion to build seven new shopping malls and superstores in the next 18 months.

FDBC is a joint venture between state-controlled BCDA and Bonifacio Land Co., which is 69.6 percent owned by Metro Pacific Corp.

MPC earlier unveiled a comprehensive debt restructuring plan to address its P12 billion in debts and to turn around the company's operations after absorbing P19.2 billion in loss provisions mainly from its investment in the Global City.

MPC had said the sale of its controlling stake in BLC remained an option. However, the company is keen on prioritizing debt restructuring in view of bargain bids for BLC.

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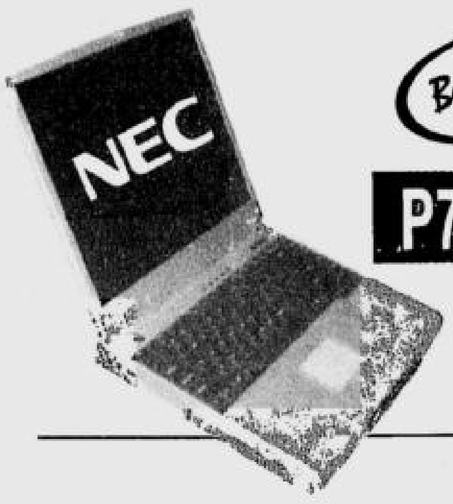

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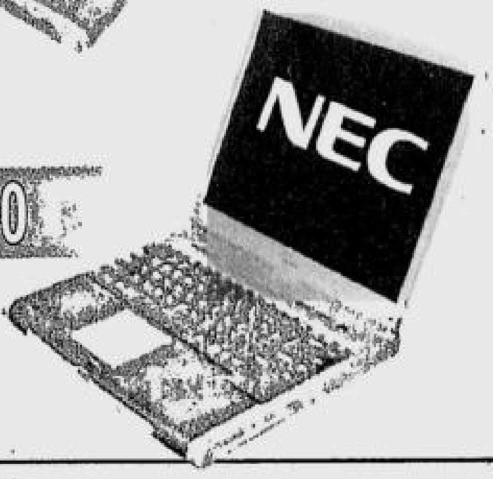

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PLDT seen going on a promo tour to raise $350M in capital

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. yesterday announced its long-awaited capital-raising plans, saying it would offer a total of $350 million worth of 10-year fixed-rate notes due 2012 and five-year fixed-rate notes due 2007.

The country's dominant telecommunications carrier said it intended to use the net proceeds of the offering to repay short and medium term debt.

Further details were not immediately available.

PLDT would kick off a road show in Europe, Japan and the United States in the next few weeks for the planned offering, a person familiar with the matter said.

The source said the country's No. 1 telecommunications firm believed the time was ripe for its planned offering, citing rival Globe Telecom Inc.'s experience with its recent 10-year bond float.

Globe obtained an annual coupon rate of 9.75 percent when it raised some $200 million from a recent 10-year bond issuance.

PLDT is tapping the bond market to raise cash for debt payments worth a total of $1.3 billion until 2004. It is also planning a sale of a portion of its interest in wholly owned firm Smart to a strategic financial investor.

PLDT disclosed earlier that the Japan Bank for International Cooperation was set to lend up to $80 million as part of the phone firm's liability management program. ***With a report from Reuters***

PSE, Treasury planning new trading facility for gov't IOUs

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange and the Bureau of Treasury are working on a new trading facility to develop a more active secondary market for government securities.

In a news briefing Wednesday night, PSE president Ernest Leung said the scheme would be geared toward "enabling the capital market and widening the base for government securities."

Leung, who met with National Treasurer Sergio Edeza, said under the stock exchange's proposal, stockbrokers would tie up with accredited government securities dealers to get a share of securities awarded through primary auctions.

The tie-up with accredited government securities dealers, he explained, would be "to the extent that we will ask them to carve out a certain amount and to the extent that we'll say this is the price we want them to participate for us."

He said the PSE brokers would act as "market-maker" by giving small savers the option to buy government securities in the secondary market.

"The PSE is the enabling system. It will get traded through our system," Leung told reporters.

He said the system would improve the pricing for government issuance since the market would be widened.

"The BTr thinks the idea is well worth pursuing and they will look into this," Leung said.

Asked whether the facility would compete with the fixed-income board being put up by the Bankers Association of the Philippines, Leung said: "Maybe, maybe not. But we can operate this already without additional cost."

The stock exchange launched its own fixed-income board last year with the listing of the government's small-denominated treasury, but it has not attracted significant investor interest.

"There are a number of speculations I have on that. They are probably mostly bought to be held on to maturity," Leung said, noting that these instruments were issued at the time that local interest rates were still at high levels.

As such, he noted that the small-denominated treasury instruments were not liquid enough to trade on the secondary market.

"What we're doing now is tender an issue, and, chances are, the brokers will take a share and let the market trade. It develops the market, and it is not as expensive as how much we went through that road show system for SDT," he said.

DISCLOSURES

THE END of the offer period for trading participants of **Highlands Prime Leisure Properties Inc.**'s initial public offering will be on April 15, 2:30 p.m.

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CENTRAL Azucarera de la Carlota has increased its authorized capital stock from P400 million to P2 billion.

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PHILEX Mining Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on June 27, 2 p.m., at the Manila Galleria Suites in Ortigas. Stockholders as of April 26 are entitled to vote.

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SOUTH China Resources Inc. has moved its annual stockholders' meeting to May 22, 2 p.m. The company has yet to complete its audited financial statements.

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LMG Chemicals Corp. has entered into an agreement with **Jaya Global Tradehouse Corp.** LMG will be the exclusive agent for the promotion, marketing and sale of linear alkyl benzene in the country.

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ALLIED Banking Corp. will increase its capital through an upper tier 2 subordinated debt.

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FIL-Hispano Holdings Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on May 17, 3 p.m., at the Metropolitan Club in Makati. Record date is on April 3.

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ITOGON-Suyoc Mines Inc. will change its corporate name to **ISM Communications Corp.**, as well as its primary purpose to authorize the company to engage in information technology, telecommunications, media or other similar purpose. It will also increase the number of directors from 11 to 15.

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Cocktales

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birthday of the late Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

This historical factoid was supplied by Lita M. de los Reyes, aka the mother of socialite/advice columnist Margarita "Ting-ting" Cojuangco.

"I should know; I gave birth to Ting-ting on that date," said De los Reyes.

"Terrible years," the mother added, which we take to mean the Japanese occupation.

De los Reyes added that she and her Alzheimer-stricken husband were still locked in a civil suit against Ting-ting and her brother over the latter's claim in regard to the De Los Reyeses' ancestral property in Guadalupe, Makati.

Heard through the grapevine

THE FIGHT among the Tambuntings revolve around the estate of the late Ramon Tambunting, who died without a natural heir but nevertheless willed his wealth to an "illegitimate" son of his brother.

Childless from a separated wife, the late Tambunting had apparently treated the illegitimate nephew like a son that he never had. *(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.*

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Thursday, April 11, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	66.5	66.5	66	66.5	588,800
China Banking Corp.	620	630	620	630	370
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	40.5	42	40.5	41	525,000
Global Business Bank Inc.	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	100
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	42	42	41.5	42	74,800
Phil. Bank of Comm.	80	80	80	80	1,000
Philippine National Bank	61	61	60	60	9,200
Union Bank of the Phil.	23	23	23	23	28,400
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.5	1.5	1.46	1.46	159,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	120,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	221	221	221	221	100
Manulife Financial Corp.	1355	1385	1355	1380	7,590
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	50,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1105	1120	1105	1120	7,680
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc	.6500	0.66	0.65	0.66	4,660,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	805	810	805	810	6,530
Ipeople Inc.	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	30,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.0575	0.0575	0.055	0.055	7,800,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.27	300,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	10,000
Piltel	0.46	0.47	0.46	0.47	250,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	100,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	545	555	545	555	103,350
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.02	0.02	0.019	0.02	54,700,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	30	30	30	30	108,300
Manila Electric Co. B	47	47.5	47	47.5	1,118,200
Petron Corp.	1.76	1.78	1.74	1.76	5,527,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.82	1.84	1.8	1.84	2,400,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	20,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.75	3	2.7	3	9,084,000
Negros Navigation Co. Inc.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	10,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Sanitary Wares Mfg. Corp.	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.18	200,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.62	0.63	0.62	0.63	210,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	150,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13	13	13	13	5,186,200
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	21.5	22	21.5	22	26,900
RFM Corp.	1.46	1.5	1.46	1.5	1,076,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47.5	48	47.5	47.5	102,300
San Miguel Corp. B	61	62	61	61.5	413,100
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	4,888,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.02	2.04	2.02	2.04	234,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	60,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	50,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0085	0.0075	0.0085	143,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	20,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	20,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.74	0.75	0.73	0.75	10,880,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	150,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	10,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.085	0.0875	0.0825	0.085	1,400,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.32	1.44	1.32	1.44	1,367,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	31	31.5	31	31	227,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.13	0.135	0.13	0.13	210,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	121,000
Medco Holdings	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	2,000,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.87	0.87	0.85	0.86	3,230,000
Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	470,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	210,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	3,970,000
Music Corp.	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	100,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	200,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	20,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.42	0.42	0.4	0.4	60,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	13	13	13	13	4,400
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.6	0.62	0.6	0.62	6,260,000
Manila Jockey Club	11.5	12	11	11	77,800
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	60,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.195	0.195	0.19	0.19	400,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	35.5	36	35	35	36,500
DMCI Holdings Inc.-Pref.	765	770	765	770	3,330
Equitable PCI Bank-War	1.64	1.64	1.44	1.44	71,000
Globe Telecom Hldg. (Pdr)	790	790	790	790	2,000
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	20,000,000
RFM Corp.-Pref.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	31,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	300
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	300
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.2	8,886,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	980,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.45	0.46	0.45	0.46	1,600,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.3	1,580,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.5	2.65	2.48	2.65	33,874,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	1,000,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	90,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1,100,000
SM Development Corp.	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	60,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	8,163,000
UrbanCorp.Realty Dev. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	20,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	15,000,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.048	0.0525	0.048	0.05	43,500,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines B	0.05	0.0525	0.05	0.0525	1,300,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	2,200,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.225	0.23	0.225	0.23	1,110,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	30,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	1,060,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	2,000,000
Interport Res.	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	1,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	10,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	2,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.2	0.23	0.2	0.23	60,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	20,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,574,040	84,789,190.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	293,435,510	329,524,930.00
PRO	57,353,000	209,065,150.00
Mining	64,200,000	3,303,950.00
OIL	15,080,000	111,700.00
GRAND TOTALS:	431,642,550	626,794,920.00

AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	572.97	DOWN 1.01
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,926.20	UP 11.77
PRO	632.87	UP 2.51
Mining	1,396.33	UP 16.17
OIL	1.57	UP 0.02
All Shares Index	768.20	UP 10.43
Composite	1,414.78	UP 4.74

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Switzerland	Franc	0.681066	0.599628	30.5840
Canada	Dollar	0.713786	0.628417	32.0524
Singapore	Dollar	0.619226	0.545167	27.8062
Australia	Dollar	0.602572	0.530504	27.0584
Bahrain	Dinar	3.013018	2.652661	135.2990
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.302893	0.266667	13.6014
Brunei	Dollar	0.617308	0.543478	27.7201
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000119	0.000105	0.0054
Thailand	Baht	0.026142	0.023015	1.1739
UAE	Dirham	0.309284	0.272294	13.8884
Korea	Won	0.000861	0.000758	0.0387
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.880400	44.9048
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Denmark	Kroner	0.134504	0.118417	6.0399
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Norway	Kroner	0.130779	0.115138	5.8726
Pakistan	Rupee	0.018962	0.016694	0.8515
South Africa	Rand	0.101472	0.089336	4.5566
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Syria	Pound	0.022055	0.019417	0.9904
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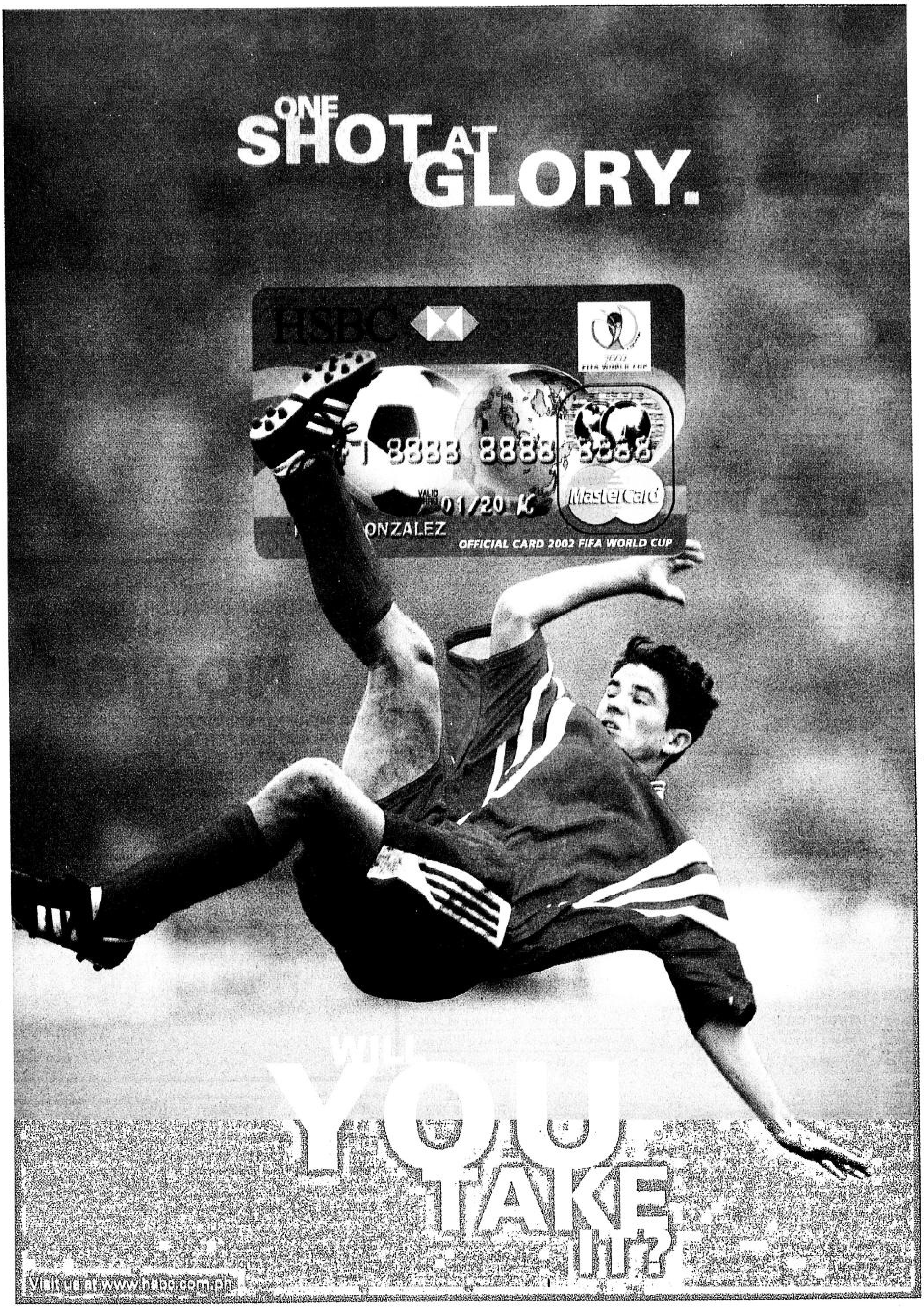
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And/or: Fax (078) 321-3611
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Note:Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.

(PDI - April 12, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Intramuros, Manila

NOTICE

FURTHER EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT PURSUANT TO RULE IV, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE "OMNIBUS GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT PERMITS TO FOREIGN NATIONALS"

Notice is hereby given to all concerned foreign nationals that the extended period for the filing of applications for Alien Employment Permit pursuant to Rule IV, Paragraph 4 of the "Omnibus Guidelines for the Issuance of Employment Permits to Foreign Nationals" which expires on **April 10, 2002**, is further extended for another thirty (30) days or up to **May 10, 2002**.

All foreign nationals who have been working in the Philippines without an Alien Employment Permit shall have up to **10 May 2002** within which to file their applications without penalty.

Manila, Philippines, 10 April 2002.

(Sgd.) **ARTURO D. BRION**
Acting Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN COMPLIANCE with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that MINA JOY LOAYON DE OCAMPO has filed with this office a petition for change of first name from MENA FLOR to MINA JOY in the birth certificate of Birth Certificate (LCR Form 1-A) who was born on JUNE 20, 1963 at General Santos City, and whose parents are JAIME P. DE OCAMPO and FELIZA A. LOAYON.

ANY person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than February 15, 2002.

(Sgd.) LEVITA D. PASCUA
Municipal Civil Registrar

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PDI -- April 12, 19 & 26, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of extra-judicial settlement of estate by & among the heirs of the late CESAR M. MADARANG who died w/out a will last Dec 26, 2000 covering TCT No. T-107695 under Doc No. 430, Page No. 87, Book No. XXXIV, Series of 2001 by Notary Public Atty. Emiliano P. Espiritu.
(PDI-April 5, 12, & 19 2002)

Notice is hereby given of the extrajudicial settlement among the heirs of the late FIDELITO CAPISTRANO per Doc. No. 12 Book No. 5 Page No. 3, Series of 2002 Before Not. Public ATTY. ISRAEL E. PEREN Manila (PDI-April 12, 19, 26, 2002))

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Who joined our Lord
On April 10, 2002
At the age of 90.

She is survived by her husband,

Fidel G. Reantaso

and her sons and daughters, grandchildren,
and great grandchildren.

Oscar	**Nestor**	**Susan**
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Olejoe, Omar Ojay, Yang and Julian, Odie, Orland, Onnie	Jay, Mean and Joko, Anna, Kay, Niño, Lizbeth, Macy	Keat, Christine, Kathy

Her body lies in state at the Capilla de San Francisco,
Santuario de San Antonio Parish
Forbes Park, Makati City.

Interment will be on Sunday, April 14, 2002,
after the Holy Mass at 2:00 p.m.
At the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat,
Parañaque City.

The Lord in His loving kindness called

CESAR CEFERINO "NONOY" JIZ DE ORTEGA POBLADOR

(1933 - 2002)

of Bacolod City to life everlasting on April 9, 2002.

His bereaved wife **Zaida**; and we, his children **Mia, GingGing & Bongbong**; together with our respective spouses **Lito & Anton**; and our children **Angel, Marji, Paolo, Anin, Kyra, Ashley, Sasha & Amanda**; his brother **Donnie** & wife **Honey**; and sister **Pinky**, request the pious reader to join us in prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains now lie in state at Rolling Hills Memorial Chapels, and will be transferred to the Triumph of the Holy Cross Church on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 4:00 PM.

Interment will be on Sunday, April 14, 2002 at Rolling Hills Memorial Park after the 7:00 AM Mass at the Triumph of the Holy Cross Church.

The Employees & Staff of
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mourns with deep sorrow the demise of its Treasurer

VIRGINIA UY ANG

*Died in the Grace of our Lord on April 7, 2002
at the age of 67.*

Her remains lie in state at the Faith,
Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City
will be on Saturday, April 13, 2002 after the
7:00 a.m. Holy Mass.

In Loving Memory
on the First Death Anniversary of

ANGELA VITAL THOMPSON

who died in the Grace of our Lord on April 12, 2001.

Holy Masses will be offered today, Friday, April 12, 2002 at the following:

Santuario de San Antonio, *Forbes Park, Makati*	6:15 AM
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, *Bel-Air, Makati*	6:30 PM
St. James the Great Parish, *Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa*	6:30 PM
National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, *San Antonio Village*	6:00 PM
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, *Pasay City*	7:00 AM
St. Paul the Apostle Parish, *Quezon City*	6:00 PM
Sacred Heart Parish, *D. Jakosalem Street, Cebu City*	6:00 PM
St. Joseph The Patriarch, *Mabolo, Cebu City*	6:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *Aboitiz Street, Cebu City*	5:30 PM
San Pedro Church, *San Pedro Street, Davao City*	12:00 NN
St. Jude Church, *Malvar Street, Davao City*	5:30 PM
Assumption Church, *Torres Street, Davao City*	5:45 PM
Sacred Heart Parish, *Torres Street, Davao City*	5:30 PM
Redemptorist Church, *J.P. Laurel Avenue, Bajada, Davao City*	5:30 PM

Her loving husband **Ted B. Thompson**; children **Bobby & Tina Erum, Emil & Mildred Erum, Freddy & Cynthia Erum, Wendy & Ray Orozco, Jonathan Thompson**; grandchildren **Ryan, Angela, Casey, Melissa, Paola & Carmela**; relatives and friends request the pious reader to remember ANGIE in their prayers.

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*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying
neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

Apocalypse 21,4

Ma. Victoria Padilla Estrella

Peacefully joined our Creator on Friday, 5 April 2002.

Her loving and devoted husband **Manuel**; her children
Poopi, Meeja and **Manman, Gucci, Ninna**; grandson **Yevi**;
her brothers and sister **Lui** (†) and **Menchu, Celine** and **Teddy, Tony, Nonon**;
in-laws **Corazon, Ine** and **Teddy** (†), **Miren, Pepito** and **Cora, Liit** (†),
Paquita and **Ahmed, Lolita** and **Oscar, Jose** (†);
nephews and nieces, relatives and friends

request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her mortal remains will lie in state at the Capilla del Señor
at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park,
from the afternoon of Friday, 12 April 2002.
Masses are scheduled on Friday at 8 PM and Saturday at 5 and 8 PM
A solemn requiem Mass will be offered on Sunday, 14 April 2002 at 1:30 PM.
Cremation will follow.

ADELARDO D. RADA

*Peacefully joined our Creator
on April 10, 2002 at the age of 76.*

His remains lie in state at Sanctuario de San Jose Parish Hall, in Greenhills, San Juan.

His wife **Lety**; children, sisters and relatives request the pious readers to remember him in their prayers.

Our Dearly Beloved

BELEN DE LEON AUSTRIA

*Has peacefully joined our Creator on April 11, 2002
at the age of 65.*

Her bereaved daughter **Maricon Austria Cabalda** and family, and Michael, Mico & Mikee; son **Marco Austria** and family, and **Aya**; and relatives and friends request the pious readers to join us in praying for her journey to eternal life.

Her remains lie in state at the St. John Chapel, Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels at Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment to be announced later.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5:8

RUFINO CRUZ CASTAÑEDA

Died: April 11, 2002

His bereaved wife **NINI CASTAÑEDA**;
children **PIA, RALFIE & AILEEN**;
brothers **LOYD CASTAÑEDA & CARLITO CASTAÑEDA**;
sister **ROSE BRAZIS**;
sisters-in-law, brother-in-law,
relatives and friends request
the pious readers to pray for the
eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Chapel V,
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*Peacefully joined her Creator
on April 9, 2002 at the age of 35.*

Her bereaved husband **DANTE**; children **DANA, MICHAEL & MATTHEW**; father **RALPH**; mother **MERCEDES**; lola **CARMEN**; brothers **ANTHONY & JIMMER**; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Rizal Funeral Homes, Sucat, Parañaque City. Her body will be cremated at Manila Memorial Park Crematory on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 10:00 AM.

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AD NO. PD 2002-10

Opening Date : April 25, 2002 - 10:00 AM
E-Bidding Date : April 30, 2002 - 9:00 AM

2002-10-01 SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PARCELLARY MAPPING, RELOCATION & SUBDIVISION SURVEY FOR ROXAS-TAYTAY 69 KV T/L PROJECT (Schedule I - 33 kms., Schedule II - 32.28 kms.)

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Interested parties are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above to be opened publicly at the Sampaguita Rm. Ground Floor Bldg. 2 NPC-OBC, Quezon Avenue cor. Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Eligibility forms and bidding documents are available on **April 11, 2002** upon payment of P50.00 which is non-refundable.

Issuance of eligibility forms and bidding documents mornings only, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For inquiries please call 921-2574. Last day of issuance of bidding documents **April 19, 2002.**

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
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Diliman, Quezon City

(PDI - April 12, 2002)

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

INVITATION/NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS

For the Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of Tollway Service Facility at the North and South Luzon Tollway

The Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC) with offices at EDSA (corner Reliance St.), Mandaluyong City is inviting any interested natural or juridical person from the private sector for the establishment, operation and maintenance of Tollway Service Facilities (TSF) along the North and South Luzon Tollways to submit their proposals thereto. To qualify for submission, an applicant must:

(1) In case of a Service Area Proponent, be qualified under Section 5.0, Chapter II of Republic Act 8479 otherwise known as the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998 and Section 4.0, Rule II of the Department of Energy Circular No. 98-03-004 dated 11 March 1998 Promulgating the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 8479.

In case of a Rest Area Proponent, be qualified and authorized under the law to do business in the Philippines.

(2) Be first registered as an applicant with PNCC between **April 12 to May 2, 2002** during office hours and secure therefrom copy(ies) of the Terms of Reference which sets forth the pertinent information, instructions and requirements attendant to the application upon payment of a non-refundable sum of P1,000.00 per TOR.

Only registered applicants as aforestated or their duly authorized representative(s) who have secured the aforesaid Terms of Reference are required to attend a conference or briefing on the subject matter on May 3 in the aforesaid PNCC office 9:00 AM. Non-attendance shall be deemed as a waiver of the right to thenceforth participate in the ensuing processes.

PNCC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

This Invitation / Notice shall be published in two newspapers of general circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks commencing on 05 April 2002.

(Sgd.) **LUIS F. SISON**
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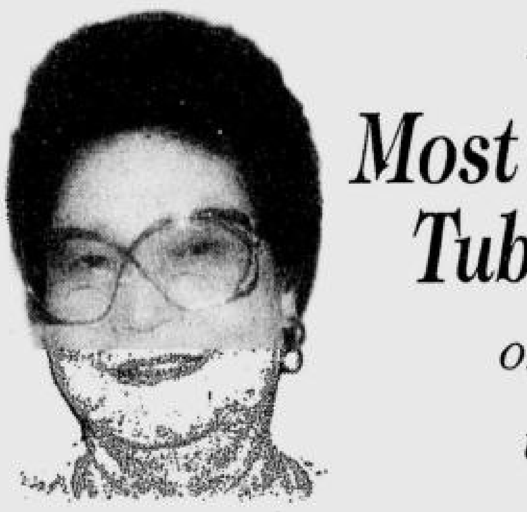

In Loving Memory of

Most Reverend Maria Bella Tubang Sombong Falcis

OPM-OPR, MP-OY, Spiritual Directress
of the
Universal Sovereign Catholic Church
of the

Blessed Name 0123-6-4 OPM-OPR, MP-OY

Who passed away on April 10, 2002 at the age of 68.

She is survived by her beloved spouse ***Rev. Raymundo Ledesma Falcis****; her daughters* ***Rev. Mary Grace Falcis Muyco, Rev. Mary Ann Falcis Toney****, and* ***Rev. Mary Bell Sombong Falcis****; her sons* ***Rev. Peter Eymard Sombong Falcis M.D.*** *and* ***Rev. Peter Gerard Sombong Falcis****; her sons-in-law* ***Richard Allan Palmares Muyco*** *and* ***Robert Russell McRoberts Toney****; her daughters-in-law* ***Rev. Pearlie Aguirre Falcis*** *and* ***Rev. Joanne Mae Parker Falcis****; her grandchildren* ***Maxine Falcis*** *and* ***Merielle Falcis, Most Rev. Edgar S. Gan OPM- OPR, MP-OY****, Spiritual Director of the Universal Sovereign Catholic Church of the Blessed Name 0123-6-4 OPM-OPR, MP-OY, and all the members of the Universal Sovereign Catholic Church of the Blessed Name 0123-6-4 OPM-OPR, MP-OY (BROMOKI UNIVERSE).*

Interment will be held at the Universal Sovereign Catholic Church compound, Villalobos St., Cuartero Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines from April 11,12 and, 13 until 3:00 P.M.

Burial will be at The Cross of Salvation, Brgy. Paga, San Enrique, Iloilo, Philippines on April 14, 2002 at 10:00 A.M.

A TRIBUTE TO DAD

Ernesto "Nitoy" R. Ribargoso

August 28, 1935 - April 12, 2001

A year has passed,
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for your PRESENCE,
is surely missed.

My love for you, NITOY,
will be forever.
Thoughts of you sure brightens my day,
knowing one day we'll be together.

The loving gifts you've given us, our DADDY,
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made us the persons we are
your STRONG SENSE of values, of principles,
of right and wrong, will forever be a part of us.

The wisdom you bestowed upon us,
your PATIENCE and care,
we'll always treasure.

Thank you, LOLO, for all you've done,
and all you've been to us.

You will always be with us,
in our thoughts,
in our hearts,
in the very fabric of our lives,
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AD NO. PD 2002-10

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E-Bidding Date : April 30, 2002 - 9:00 AM

2002-10-01 SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PARCELLARY MAPPING, RELOCATION & SUBDIVISION SURVEY FOR ROXAS-TAYTAY 69 KV T/L PROJECT (Schedule I - 33 kms., Schedule II - 32.28 kms.)

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Interested parties are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above to be opened publicly at the Sampaguita Rm. Ground Floor Bldg. 2 NPC-OBC, Quezon Avenue cor. Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Eligibility forms and bidding documents are available on **April 11, 2002** upon payment of P50.00 which is non-refundable.

Issuance of eligibility forms and bidding documents mornings only, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For inquiries please call 921-2574. Last day of issuance of bidding documents **April 19, 2002.**

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(PDI - April 12, 2002)

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

INVITATION/NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS

For the Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of Tollway Service Facility at the North and South Luzon Tollway

The Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC) with offices at EDSA (corner Reliance St.), Mandaluyong City is inviting any interested natural or juridical person from the private sector for the establishment, operation and maintenance of Tollway Service Facilities (TSF) along the North and South Luzon Tollways to submit their proposals thereto. To qualify for submission, an applicant must:

(1) In case of a Service Area Proponent, be qualified under Section 5.0, Chapter II of Republic Act 8479 otherwise known as the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998 and Section 4.0, Rule II of the Department of Energy Circular No. 98-03-004 dated 11 March 1998 Promulgating the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 8479.

In case of a Rest Area Proponent, be qualified and authorized under the law to do business in the Philippines.

(2) Be first registered as an applicant with PNCC between **April 12 to May 2, 2002** during office hours and secure therefrom copy(ies) of the Terms of Reference which sets forth the pertinent information, instructions and requirements attendant to the application upon payment of a non-refundable sum of P1,000.00 per TOR.

Only registered applicants as aforestated or their duly authorized representative(s) who have secured the aforesaid Terms of Reference are required to attend a conference or briefing on the subject matter on May 3 in the aforesaid PNCC office 9:00 AM. Non-attendance shall be deemed as a waiver of the right to thenceforth participate in the ensuing processes.

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This Invitation / Notice shall be published in two newspapers of general circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks commencing on 05 April 2002.

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OPM-OPR, MP-OY, Spiritual Directress
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Blessed Name 0123-6-4 OPM-OPR, MP-OY

Who passed away on April 10, 2002 at the age of 68.

*She is survived by her beloved spouse **Rev. Raymundo Ledesma Falcis**; her daughters **Rev. Mary Grace Falcis Muyco**, **Rev. Mary Ann Falcis Toney**, and **Rev. Mary Bell Sombong Falcis**; her sons **Rev. Peter Eymard Sombong Falcis M.D.** and **Rev. Peter Gerard Sombong Falcis**; her sons-in-law **Richard Allan Palmares Muyco** and **Robert Russell McRoberts Toney**; her daughters-in-law **Rev. Pearlie Aguirre Falcis** and **Rev. Joanne Mae Parker Falcis**; her grandchildren **Maxine Falcis** and **Merielle Falcis**, **Most Rev. Edgar S. Gan OPM- OPR, MP-OY**, Spiritual Director of the Universal Sovereign Catholic Church of the Blessed Name 0123-6-4 OPM-OPR, MP-OY, and all the members of the Universal Sovereign Catholic Church of the Blessed Name 0123-6-4 OPM-OPR, MP-OY (BROMOKI UNIVERSE).*

Interment will be held at the Universal Sovereign Catholic Church compound, Villalobos St., Cuartero Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines from April 11,12 and, 13 until 3:00 P.M.

Burial will be at The Cross of Salvation, Brgy. Paga, San Enrique, Iloilo, Philippines on April 14, 2002 at 10:00 A.M.

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Ernesto "Nitoy" R. Ribargoso

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A year has passed,
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is surely missed.

My love for you, NITOY,
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Thoughts of you sure brightens my day,
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your STRONG SENSE of values, of principles,
of right and wrong, will forever be a part of us.

The wisdom you bestowed upon us,
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Thank you, LOLO, for all you've done,
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Oxfam targets 'rigged' global free trade rules

GENEVA—The rules of the global trade system are rigged in favor of rich countries, allowing them to grab the lion's share of world export earnings, the charity Oxfam International said Thursday.

Oxfam complained that current trade rules prevent poverty reduction and urged radical changes in the rules to make them fair for all.

For every $100 generated by exports in the world, $97 goes to high- and middle-income countries, while just $3 end up in poor countries, it said in a new report.

Launching its 'Rigged Rules and Double Standards' report and a three-year campaign, Oxfam International demanded radical changes to the rules—which are governed by the World Trade Organization (WTO)—in order to turn trade into an engine for reducing poverty.

"In their rhetoric, governments of rich countries constantly stress their commitment to poverty reduction," the report said.

"Yet the same governments use their trade policy to conduct what amounts to robbery against the world's poor," it added.

Poor countries face pressure from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank to open their markets "at breakneck speed" without regard for the social consequences, Oxfam said.

They were also urged to slash support for their farmers, while rich nations fork out $1 billion a day on agricultural subsidies, it added.

It said the result was overproduction by the developed world, which is then dumped on the world markets, driving prices down to levels at which poorer farmers cannot compete.

Oxfam said its research suggested the European Union and United States were exporting at prices more than a third lower than the cost of production.

Markets in countries such as Haiti, Jamaica and Mexico were being destroyed by heavily subsidized imports of cheap food, it said.

Despite the pressure on developing countries to open up their markets, richer countries keep theirs tightly shut, Oxfam complained, presenting a list of measures for improved market access.

Oxfam also lamented that many developing countries produce only raw materials and food, while finished goods that could be sold for a higher price face higher import taxes.

In Canada, taxes on processed food are as much as 13 times higher than those on unprocessed products, it said.

"If developing countries increased their share of world exports by just 5 percent, this would generate $350 billion—seven times as much as they receive in aid," it said.

Falling and erratic commodity prices have also badly hit many poor countries that are heavily dependent on the export of a single commodity.

In 2000-2001, poor countries sold nearly 20 percent more coffee than in 1997-1998, but they were paid 45 percent less, the report highlighted.

It calls for a new international commodities institution to be set up to promote diversification and end oversupply, in order to help producers by raising prices. Oxfam also urged changes in corporate practices to ensure companies pay fair prices.

The WTO also comes in for direct criticism from Oxfam, especially over its rules on intellectual property, investment and services, which the charity claimed protect the richer countries' interests. **AFP**

Japan surplus raises hope for recovery

TOKYO—The surplus in Japan's current account widened for the fifth consecutive month in February, data showed on Thursday, reinforcing hopes that stronger exports will help pull Japan out of its deepest recession of modern times.

With only patchy signs of a recovery in other areas of the economy, a US rebound and a weak yen are expected to lead any turnaround in the world's second biggest economy.

Signs of an upturn have eased pressure on the Bank of Japan to further ease its hyper-loose monetary policy, and as expected it decided on Thursday to leave its monetary policy unchanged.

Exports and imports both rose in February from a month earlier, the Ministry of Finance reported.

The government cited stronger exports on Wednesday when it upgraded its assessment of the economy, which has shrunk for three quarters in a row. It was the second upgrade in two months.

Shinichi Sato, economist at Tokyo Mitsubishi Securities, said the yen's weakness over the past few months was a key factor.

"External demand will likely make a positive contribution to gross domestic product from the January-March quarter," he said.

The Japanese currency has fallen some 12 percent in value against the dollar since September.

The surplus on the current account, the broadest measure of trade in goods and services, rose 3.9 percent in February from a year earlier to 1.41 trillion yen ($10.79 billion).

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month basis, exports rose to 3.999 trillion yen ($30.6 billion) from 3.871 trillion while imports rose to 3.151 trillion from 3.026 trillion.

Compared with a year earlier, however, the trade surplus fell 11.4 percent in February to 907.7 billion yen.

The trade surplus has also been on the decline as more big companies look to produce abroad, particularly in low-wage China.

Electronics conglomerate Toshiba Corp., for example, said on Thursday that it was considering building a plant in China as a way to cut costs and boost sales in the fast-growing China market.

The Daily Yomiuri newspaper quoted company sources as saying Toshiba planned to spend "several tens of billions of yen" to build a major industrial complex in Shanghai.

Economists said a steady rise in the income balance—helped by repatriated funds from foreign investments—was supporting the current account surplus and should continue to do so.

The income balance expanded for the 14th straight month, rising to 896.1 billion yen from 743.5 billion yen in January.

In 2001, for the first time, Japan earned more from offshore investments and overseas production than from conventional trade.

"The current account surplus will be supported by a continued rise in the income surplus whether or not the trade surplus rises or falls," said Kazuhiko Ogata, economist at HSBC Securities. **Reuters**

FEDECAMARAS, Venezuela's biggest business group, and the 1 million-member Venezuelan Workers Confederation launched a 24-hour general strike and later extended it by 24 hours, or until Thursday, to support dissident workers at Petroleos de Venezuela. AP

Singapore eyes big tax cuts to help economy

SINGAPORE—A high-powered Singapore government committee unveiled plans Thursday to slash corporate and personal taxes up to 23 percent in an economic overhaul aimed at boosting the island's competitiveness.

The trade-off would be lifting the goods and services tax from 3 to 5 percent.

The recommendations include reducing the top rate for personal income tax from 26 percent to 20 percent and corporate tax from 24.5 percent to 20 percent. The changes would take place within three years.

The Economic Review Committee said cutting personal and corporate taxes was necessary to get the recession-hit economy back on a path of sustainable growth for at least the next 10 years.

"These measures are necessary to improve Singapore's economic prospects in a vastly changed and more competitive environment," said senior minister of state for trade and industry Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who headed a subcommittee looking at the tax system.

He said the proposed tax cuts would allow the economy to grow at least 4 percent annually.

"We can grow at 4-6 percent for some time to come, some good years beyond 6 percent. But if we don't do anything, my own sense is that we are going to stay below 4 percent."

Reducing the tax rates is the committee's "most important proposal," Shanmugaratnam said.

"We need to make a decisive shift to a pro-growth tax system because of the increasingly competitive global environment. We are up against significant odds," he said.

"Our high costs and living standards have brought us into a new competitive league. We are up against advanced economies with deep pools of talent and accumulated expertise."

The recommendations are expected to be confirmed in the annual budget to be released early next month. **AFP**

US TRADE Representative Robert Zoellick defended the American new tariffs on steel imports as a temporary measure permitted by the free-trading World Trade Organization to protect American steel producers. AP

S. Korea jobless rate edges up in March, trend stable

SEOUL—South Korea's unemployment rate edged up in March, ending a three-month decline, but economists said an upturn in Asia's third largest economy would underpin the job market for the year.

March's seasonally adjusted jobless rate inched up to 2.9 percent from 2.8 percent in February, which was the lowest since October 1997, the National Statistical Office said on Thursday.

The slight rise was linked to reduced hiring of part-time workers by restaurants and stores. The jobless number was down from 4.2 percent in the same month of 2001.

Economists said an economic rebound and steady growth in private consumption would keep the 2002 jobless number well inside the government target.

"Usually, an improvement in jobless data follows an economic rebound with a gap of several months. But the two data appear to be moving almost simultaneously," said Kwon Hyuck-boo, an economist at Daishin Economic Research Institute, who attributed the trend partly to progress in corporate restructuring.

Solid domestic consumption has helped South Korea's economy to stave off a global downturn and outperform its regional peers.

The Asian Development Bank has forecast the economy would grow 4.8 percent this year, in line with the government's own expectations.

The new central Bank of Korea Governor Park Seung said last week that he saw economic growth this year at 5 to 6 percent, higher than the bank's official 3.9-percent projection.

"We see this year's economic growth at around 5.6 percent. With that, the jobless rate could fall to close to 3 percent," said Kwon at Daishin Economic Research.

But the central bank has warned of gathering inflationary pressures, stoking market expectations a rate hike could come sooner rather than later.

Labor dispute

The Labor Ministry had said the (unadjusted) unemployment rate would fall to 3.4 percent or lower for the year from 3.7 percent in 2001 if the economy grew more than 4 percent.

The unadjusted jobless rate dipped to 3.4 percent in March from 3.7 percent in February, as students returned to school and more jobs were created in the construction and public service sectors, the NSO said.

Economists said the job market remained stable despite a six-week strike by union workers at the state monopoly Korea Electric Power Corp's five power generation firms.

"The labor dispute caused no stir in the job market, which helps foreign investors' favorable sentiment toward Korea," said Lee Sung-kwon, an economist at Good Morning Securities.

The government and unions struck a deal last week to end the strike over privatization, which could have prompted a wider sympathetic industrial action by key export industry workers.

Signs of progress in corporate restructuring were also seen as helpful to the jobs market.

US automobile giant General Motors Corp. said on Wednesday that it was close to finalizing a $400-million deal to take over core assets of South Korea's bankrupt Daewoo Motor Co. after Daewoo's militant union agreed to support the sale. **Reuters**

Indonesia central bank sees Q1 GDP growth at 3-3.5%

JAKARTA—Indonesia's economy grew an estimated 3-3.5 percent year-on-year in the first quarter amid several positive economic developments, although inflationary pressure remained high, the central bank said.

In a statement obtained on Thursday, the bank said estimated economic growth for the first quarter was in line with expectations at the start of the year.

"While consumption showed indications of slowing investment activity, exports and government expenditure showed progress that was relatively better than the previous quarter," the bank said.

It added monetary policy needed to be implemented cautiously in the near term, indicating the central bank was not about to drastically cut the country's relatively high interest rates.

The Indonesian economy grew 3.32 percent in 2001, and this year's budget has forecast growth of 4 percent, although various recent projections suggest that forecast is too optimistic.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday predicted Indonesian economic growth would ease to 3 percent this year, while the government statistics bureau's most recent prediction for 2002 was 3.2-3.8 percent and for 2003 was 3.5-4.5 percent.

Bank Indonesia said a relatively peaceful situation and some progress in the process of economic restructuring, including privatization of the country's largest retail bank PT Bank Central Asia, have helped improve sentiment in the market and reduce business risks, as shown in the declines of swap and risk premiums.

The economic calamity that swept Asia in 1997 and 98 hit Indonesia especially hard, leading to the fall of its longtime ruler Suharto, political instability, and sporadic ethnic and religious violence that hindered recovery and spooked investors.

Bank Indonesia also said positive expectations for a meeting of the Paris Club of official creditors later on Thursday and Friday had added to the optimism.

Indonesia expects to get a $5.5-billion debt rescheduling from the Paris Club in a deal that would be vital to help cut its 2002 budget deficit to 2.5 percent of GDP from 3.7 percent targeted last year.

"These various indicators in turn have strengthened the rupiah exchange rate gradually and led to the declines in the central bank certificate SBI rates," the bank said.

But inflationary pressure would stay high, it added.

Bank Indonesia said both supply shock due to widespread floods in the first quarter, which disrupted some food distribution, and a consistent government policy to raise certain prices have been the main reason for the inflationary pressure.

Jakarta is expected to further raise prices of basic goods such as electricity and fuel to cut costly budget subsidies.

Year-on-year inflation was 14.08 percent in March. **Reuters**

Pay plunges for Pacific Century directors

HONG KONG—Pay for directors of Pacific Century CyberWorks plunged by 84 percent in 2001—largely because they did not exercise any options on stock that fell sharply in value, the company's annual report said.

The telecom and Internet group paid out HK$126 million ($16.15 million) to 22 directors last year, compared with payouts of HK$768 million ($98.5 billion) in 2000.

The 2000 pay package was a record for a Hong Kong company and attracted wide media attention, because the directors were cashing in even though CyberWorks reported a HK$129.3 billion ($16.58 billion) loss.

CyberWorks is run by tycoon Richard Li, a son of Hong Kong's richest man, the billionaire Li Ka shing.

The directors did not do as well last year because they did not exercise options on stock that collapsed in value.

CyberWorks shares have lately been hovering at about HK$2 ($0.26)—a tiny fraction of the HK$28.50 ($3.65) they commanded about two years ago when CyberWorks set out to take over local phone giant Cable & Wireless HKT. **AP**

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Countries launch 'advertise to survive' campaign

By Roger Pe

THE BLOOD and gore of the battle scene is reminiscent of the opening scene of the Steven Spielberg movie Saving Private Ryan.

The television and print components showed soldiers falling to the ground like they did in Gualdalcanal and Nuremberg, circa World War II, and attended to by the military medics.

In one touching scene, a soldier rises from the heap of dead soldiers. Amid the chaos and the smoke from exploding bombs, he removed his wristwatch and raised it as high as he could.

The medics then inevitably spotted him, looked at each other and declared him a medical priority.

The image of the soldier rising from the rubble and using his watch, his most valuable possession, to attract the attention of the medics amid the blood and the gore was used by Singapore to dramatize the need to encourage advertising.

Claiming to be the first of its kind in Singapore, it was launched by the Institute of Advertising Singapore (IAS). The idea was to encourage clients to advertise and consumers to return to shopping malls, which they avoided like the plague following the World Trade Center bombing last Sept. 11.

Similar campaigns were launched in Brazil ("There Are No Great Companies Without Great Brands"), in Germany ("Germany Fights Back"), Switzerland ("I Love Shopping, I Hate Terrorism") and Turkey ("For This Country, With Love").

What are the Philippine marketers and advertising practitioners doing to perk up the local market?

The Singapore campaign, executed by Crush Advertising on a pro bono basis, also seeks to demonstrate that "even when a company is suffering from the effects of a bad economy, it is important to continue marketing to survive," said Patrick Mowe, IAS honorary executive director.

"We are telling clients that you have a powerful tool for survival. If you don't invest in marketing now, then when economy recovers you'll be playing to catch up against your competitors who may be ahead of you because they didn't cut back so much in the recession," Mowe said.

Just like the soldier who wanted to be rescued, advertising companies should put their best foot forward and raise their equivalent of the watch to attract the customers.

According to Crush managing director Palani Pillai, "it was very pertinent to everyone within the context of the current economic climate—they are fighting their own fight every day."

The launch coincided with a National Advertising Rally and ran for five weeks in which member agencies were encouraged to bring a table for their clients. Media owners contributed to the success of the campaign with Adshel, Business Week, Forbes, MediaCorp, The Economist, The Financial Times and Turner Broadcasting, among them.

As proven time and again, companies that cut back on advertising lose out in the end because they lose their share of mind of the consumers to those that went ahead and gambled on increased advertising during times of crisis.

An example is Nescafé, which was one of the few brands that continued to be visible during martial law. A few years after, the brand's gamble paid off, and Nescafé has become synonymous with instant coffee.

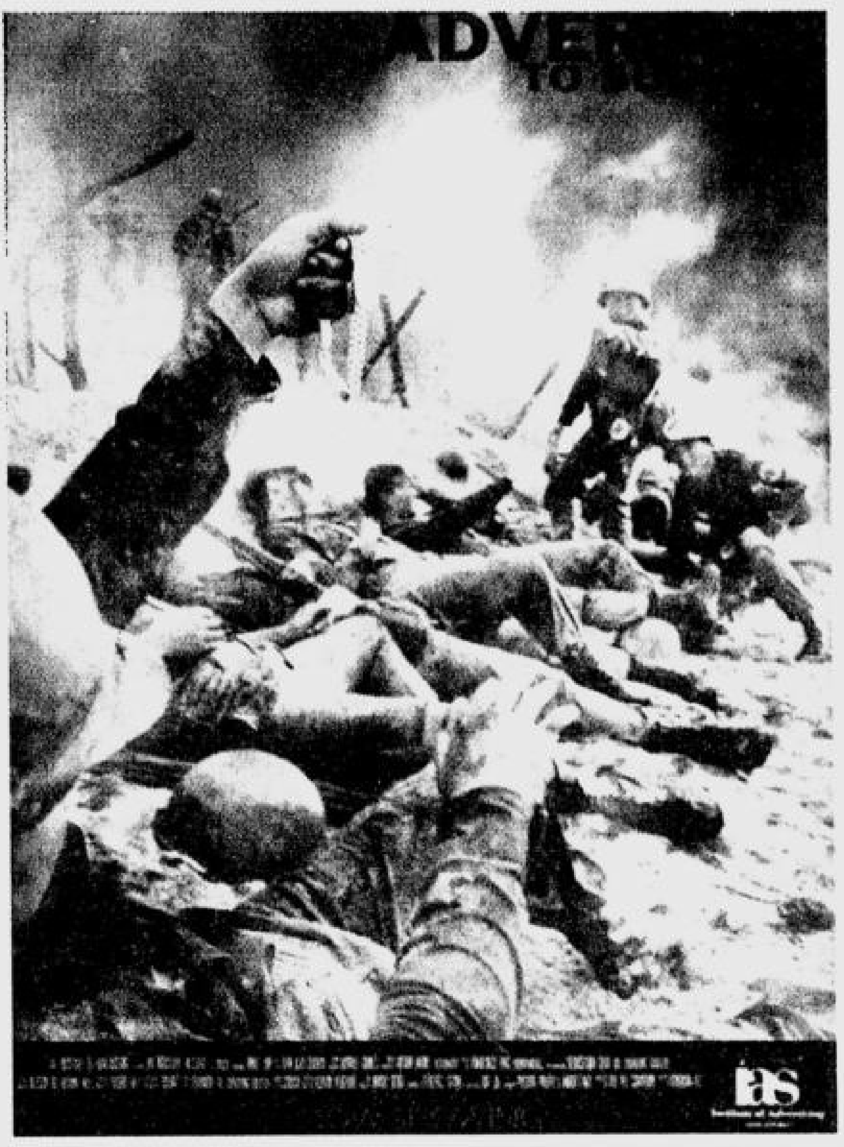
Again like the soldier in the ad, Nescafé raised its equivalent of the wristwatch and was rescued, not left for dead.

The lack of advertising campaigns for the Philippines is also one of the reasons why few tourists visit the country. Thailand gets about 8 million, Singapore gets about 9 million foreign visitors a year, while the country gets less than a million a year.

Government always insists the reason is lack of resources. Launching an international ad campaign costs millions of dollars. Thailand spent some $80 million for its Visit Thailand campaign a couple of years ago but this was very effective.

However the biggest enemy of tourists in the Philippines is the perception that the country is devoid of peace and order.

But as a pundit said the only solution to a big problem is to solve it a morsel at a time. The question is which morsel should be tackled first?



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Post entry audit by the Customs bureau

By Stephanie G. Vicente
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TAX-FILES

THE REVISED Tariff and Customs Code required all importers to keep all import records and books of accounts for at least three years from the date of filing. This is for easy verification of the transaction values declared by the importers in the import entry.

Importers are specifically required to keep the following:

- Records pertaining to the company or entity structure.
- Ordering and purchase documentation.
- Shipping, importation, exportation and transportation documentation.
- Manufacturing, stock and resale documentation.
- Banking and accounting information.
- Charts and codes of accounts, ledgers, financial statements, accounting instruction manuals and systems and program documentation that describes the accounting system used by the importer.
- Other pertinent papers, books, registers, discs, films, tapes, sound tracks and other devices or things in connection with the importation activities.

All customs brokers are likewise required to keep copies of the importation records in whatever form covering transactions that they handle for at least three years.

Importers or customs brokers who fail to keep and maintain all the required records shall be fined the equivalent of 20 percent ad valorem on the imports with no accompanying records.

Pending the payment of the administrative fine, the delivery or release of subsequent imported articles shall be suspended and held to answer for the fine and any revised assessment.

In addition, the importer or customs broker may also be subject to criminal prosecution punishable with a fine of not less than P100,000 but not more than P200,000 and/or imprisonment of not less than two years and one day but not more than six years.

Keeping and maintaining import records is required to facilitate audit examination, inspection, verification and investigation of those records during the conduct of customs compliance audit.

Customs Compliance Audit, also commonly known as Post Entry Audit (PEA) is a control mechanism done at the back-end of cargo clearance.

It is a system where customs officials conduct compliance audits after imported goods have been released from their custody. The previous practice was to conduct verification at the time of importation, which in many instances delayed the release of the goods.

PEA aims to facilitate trade by allowing release of low risk imports with minimum customs intervention at the border.

The Customs Code provides that the importers and customs brokers shall allow any customs officer authorized by the Bureau of Customs (BoC) to conduct audit examination to ensure that the proper duties and taxes have been assessed and paid.

Pursuant to Customs Memorandum Order No. 2-2002, firms to be audited shall be selected using a risk management system.

There shall be two types of audit. First, audits for Voluntary Compliance, these audits shall be conducted under the BoC's Compliance Program whereby firms shall be chosen using a criteria that determine their respective risk levels.

The objective of the audit shall be to assist the firm in becoming compliant. The BoC shall determine whether the firm's systems and procedures all lead to the generation of compliant customs declarations.

The second type of audit is for Enforced Compliance, whereby firms shall be chosen from among those tagged for audit by the collector of customs as a result of the Valuation and Classification Review Committee (VCRC) review.

The audit shall focus on compliance issues identified and may result in the application and imposition of administrative fines and penalties.

As soon as a firm has been identified for audit, an Audit Notification Letter (ANL) shall be issued, signed by the Commissioner of Customs and sent to the company. The ANL shall state the following:

- Statutory basis and purpose of the audit.
- Date and time of pre-audit conference and commencement of audit.
- Members of the customs audit team.
- Documents or records to be prepared for audit verification.
- Request for company tour or walk-through to familiarize the audit team with the company's operations.

Thereafter, a Pre-Audit Conference with the auditee shall be conducted, whereby the customs audit team will formally introduce themselves to the receiving officers of the company and present their written authority to conduct the audit.

The company shall be informed of the purpose of the audit, the specific date of the audit commencement, the documents and records to be reviewed, and the individuals identified to serve as liaison for the audit team and those to be interviewed in the course of the audit.

Once the Audit Proper or the Field Audit starts, the audit team will examine and review the records and documents of the company.

This may include an interview of responsible personnel for the auditors to gain an understanding of the firm's activities which impact on the information provided in the import entry declaration.

Subsequently, an Exit Conference shall be conducted wherein the auditors will meet with the company's representatives to discuss the audit findings. The company shall likewise be informed of any underpayment of duties and taxes, plus possible administrative penalties, if any.

Upon completion of the audit and the Exit Conference, the audit team will prepare their Final Audit Report and Recommendation (FARR) to be submitted to the Commissioner of Customs for approval and appropriate action.

Once the FARR is approved, an official copy shall be sent to the company concerned for compliance and or payment of the corresponding deficiencies in duties and taxes paid for imported goods.

It must be noted that any importer or broker who denies an authorized officer full and free access to the records required to be kept shall be subject to punishment for contempt.

The importer may likewise be reassessed of the importations subject to audit applying the correct valuation method, tariff classification, quantity and/or country of origin, as applicable. Finally, any person found to have been deficient in paying duties and taxes as a result of fraud may be punished by an administrative fine not less than five times but not more than eight times the revenue loss, including criminal prosecution under Section 3611 of the TCCP.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

THE WALL Street Journal's first major design change since World War II was shown Monday evening in New York.

Wall Street Journal unveils first redesign in 60 years

NEW YORK—Readers of The Wall Street Journal will see something on the front page of Tuesday's editions that they haven't seen there before: Color.

They'll also see a lighter layout with more open space, more graphics, and guides to make it easier to find what articles are featured elsewhere in the paper as well as on the newspaper's website, www.wsj.com.

The redesign is the culmination of a four-year, $225-million upgrade to the Journal's printing facilities that greatly expanded its ability to use color. It was the first major overhaul the paper has had since 1942, when its distinctive six-column front page was put in place. The redesign only affected the paper's US editions.

"The Wall Street Journal has reported on other people's news since 1889," the newspaper's editors wrote in a front-page story explaining the various changes to readers. "Today, we have some of our own."

Executives at Dow Jones & Co., which publishes the Journal, have said the goal of the revamp was to give the paper a more modern look and feel and to make it easier to read.

The main focus of the project was the upgrade of the Journal's 17 printing plants to increase its daily page capacity from 80 to 96 and triple its color capacity from eight to 24 pages.

To that end, the first edition to use the new design made generous use of color graphics on the front pages of the different sections, and new navigational tools for each section were added to the lower right hand corner of the section fronts to show what articles were inside.

"For people who've always found The Wall Street Journal a bit forbidding, who considered its look authoritative but perhaps also a bit authoritarian, I hope we've made the publication somewhat more approachable, more appealing," the paper's publisher, Peter Kann, wrote in a letter to readers.

The redesign also features a new section called Personal Journal that will appear Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with stories on health, family, cars, and other topics that directly affect readers' lives.

The paper also introduced a number of new columns and features, including Deja Vu, a monthly column looking at how business trends of the past are reflected in today's events; Ahead of the Tape, a daily column forecasting what events might move the markets; and Cubicle Culture, a quirky look at office life.

A number of existing columns were also moved to different locations in the paper.

In addition, the Journal's front page provides a more flexible display for top news stories and its trademark "What's News" news summary column is highlighted with a champagne-colored background.

New use of color and graphic aids also guide readers to features and hard new items throughout the newspaper.

"By veering world business news from a regional perspective, we go far beyond the one size fits all philosophy of other publications which determine global news content from one headquarter location," said Karen Elliott House, president, International, Dow Jones & Company.

"This, together with our unmatched global network of news staff, enables us to provide our readers around the world with the best international business news tailored for the regions we cover," she said.

The Wall Street's first global advertising campaign was also launched. Running for a year, the campaign includes a series of billboard, print and television advertisements as well as large posters at London Heathrow, Hong Kong, Narita and John F. Kennedy airports.

Using a world map which demonstrates the global reach of business and highlights the viewer's location, the ads include front-page images of all editions of the Journal, with the tag line "Leader in Global Business News."

Advertisements focusing on the individual editions will be launched later this year.

Founded in 1989, The Wall Street Journal is the leading global business newspaper. In addition to the US print edition, Dow Jones & Co. publishes The Asian Wall Street Journal, founded in 1976 and edited in Hong Kong, and The Wall Street Journal Europe, founded in 1983 and edited in Brussels. *With a report from AP*

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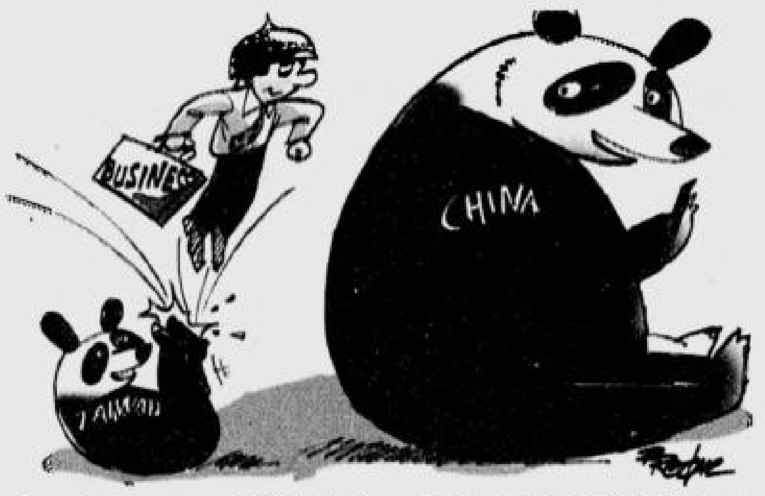
RP to use Taiwan as springboard to China

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.



THE MANILA Economic and Cultural Office is stepping up its promotion of Philippine-made goods in Taipei this year in line with its strategy to use Taiwan as its springboard to sell more Philippine-made goods to China.

Meco chair and chief executive officer Antonio Basilio said the Taiwanese consumer market would be a good testing ground to determine which Philippine products could click with Chinese mainland consumers.

"We believe that the Taiwanese and Chinese consumers have relatively common tastes and habits. If our products click in Taipei, there is strong possibility that these would also be a hit in China," Basilio said.

"Once we know what the market wants, we can have a more focused product promotion in China," he added.

Meco's game plan is similar to the strategy employed by a number of global retailers that first tested the waters in Taiwan before going to China's retail market.

Basilio said the Philippines should see China's elevation to the ranks of the World Trade Organization not only as a threat but also an opportunity to sell the country's products to 2 billion people.

"While we believe that Taiwan in itself is a big market for Philippine exports, China is hands down a more potent market for us," Basilio said.

Meco has given its full backing to Far Eastern Department Stores (FEDS) latest in a series of Philippine In-Store Promotion program.

FEDS, one of Taiwan's major retail chains, will hold the promotion program in four branches from May 29 to June 9 this year.

This will be the fourth time that FEDS would hold a promotion campaign since 1993. Its theme this year will be Philippine Fiesta featuring the Masskara Festival of Bacolod City and the Pahiyas Festival of Quezon, and the products to be sold are food, gifts and houseware.

A Philippine Food Festival would complement the department store promotion program at the Far Eastern Plaza Hotel (a sister firm of FEDS) during the same period.

The project, which will feature Glenda Barretto as chef, is aimed at creating awareness and appreciation of Philippine cuisine which so far has not been established as much as Thailand or Vietnamese food despite the huge population of Filipinos overseas.

Aside from helping Philippine exports penetrate the Taiwanese and Chinese markets, Basilio said the program has resulted in strengthened relations between FEDS and Philippine producers.

"Since the program started, FEDS is not only pushing our products but it has also actively sought quality Philippine goods to fill up its shelves," Basilio said.

Training scholars to be entrepeneurs

UCPB is sending 13 more scholars to this year's Sanayan sa Kakayahang Agrikultura (Saka), a special skills training and community development program for qualified children of small coconut farmers who are unable to pursue a college education after graduating from high school. The program was developed for UCPB by the Marcellin Foundation, a General Santos City-based non-government organization.

The new batch of scholars brings to 72 the total number of scholars that UCPB has sent to the Saka since the program started in 1995. "The 59 who completed the training received Certificates in Farm Entrepreneurship and are now successfully practicing the skills they have acquired in their home provinces," said UCPB-CIIF Foundation president Edgardo S. Amistad.

Amistad said the 10-month program employs the dual technology methodology in which the scholars spend 30 percent of the training period on theoretical and academic studies and 70 percent on the practical application of what they have learned.

During their practicum, the scholars are assigned a parcel of land to manage for the full cycle, from the production stage to the marketing of their produce. Amistad said the UCPB-CIIF Foundation provides the start-up capital, which the scholars repay from the sale of their harvest; whatever surplus they make, the scholars keep for their own.

Amistad said the scholars return to their home province upon completing the training program. To get them started in setting up their own agri-business, the UCPB-CIIF Foundation extends a non-interest bearing loan of up to P10,000 per graduate.

The Saka program is one of the several social development programs that UCPB is implanting through its UCPB-CIIF Foundation to strengthen the self-reliant capabilities of small coconut farmers. The bank also has a livelihood program that provides values and skills training and socialized credit to coconut farmer-members of the 864 accredited cooperatives. This program is being undertaken in 60 of the country's 64 coconut producing provinces. To-date, the UCPB-CIIF Finance and Development Corp. has extended P802 million in low-cost loans to these farmers.

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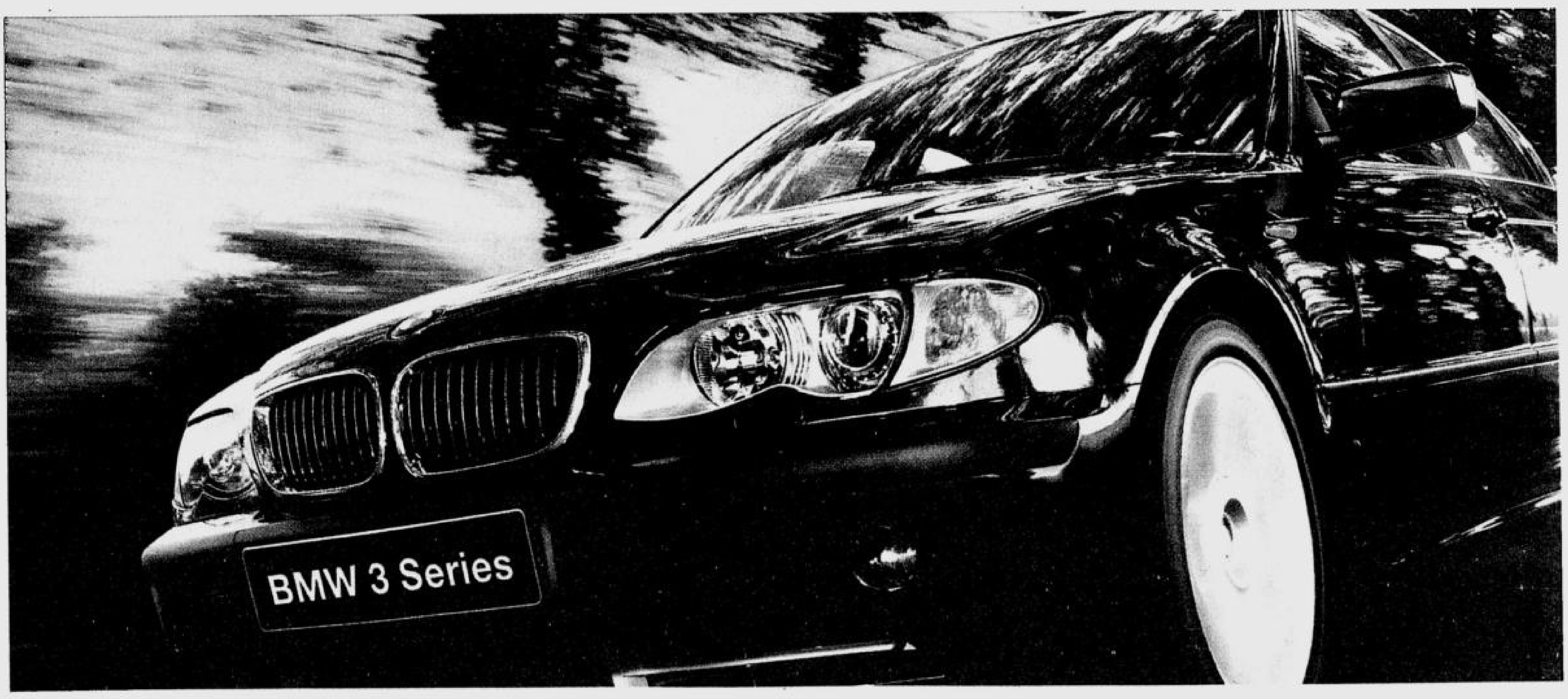

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People, Events & Products

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Ahead launches big bash at Glorietta

HUNDREDS of people gathered recently at the Glorietta activity center in Makati City for what turned out to be the first major youth event of 2002, the "Get Ahead Gimik @ Glorietta", presented by Ahead Tutorial and Review Center (now a division of Ahead Learning Systems Inc.) and MTV Philippines.

The event featured performances by bands K-24/7 and Sandwich, with Crash Kills 5 of Ateneo de Manila High School, Contented Cows of Xavier School, the Ateneo Music Industry and Cakewalk performing as front acts. Also appearing during the event was matinee teen idol Cogie Domingo and Anna Shier, one of the two winners in last year's MTV Philippines' VJ Hunt.

From mid-afternoon to late evening, visitors to Glorietta packed the activity center to enjoy the music and the festive air in the first-ever school fair in a mall.

"This was truly a memorable event, the first of its kind in the country," said Rossana L. Llenado, managing director of Ahead Tutorial and Review Center which organized the affair.

According to Llenado, the "Get Ahead Gimik @ Glorietta" was originally meant to be a victory celebration for Ahead's 2001 college entrance exam reviewees, in anticipation of their gaining admission to the country's top colleges and universities.

It was, however, expanded into a celebration of youth in general, of the promise that they hold for the future, not just for themselves but for their families, their communities, and their country as well.

The event took on even greater significance, given the impressive performance of Ahead reviewees in last year's college admission tests.

"Of our reviewees who took the Ateneo College Entrance Test last year, 90 percent passed. This is a very difficult college admission test, particularly its math component. This celebration was for them," Llenado said.

Other personalities who served as hosts during the affair were Rod Nepomuceno of MTV Philippines, Erie Resureccion and ABS-CBN Talent Center figure and Close Up model Marco Torres of the Katipunan Jaycees, and Sherry Bautista of WorldPrep, a pre-school in Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Inspirational messages were delivered by the youngest Representative in Congress Felix Fuentebella and by lawyer Mabel Villanueva Mamba, president of the National Youth Council and the Junior Chamber of the Philippines.

Goldilocks, Mr. Donut, Don Henricos, Hersheys, and KFC flooded the event with free food for the preregistered participants.

Meg and FWD magazines, Mentos, Bausch & Lomb, Maybelline, L'Oreal Studio, L'Oreal Plenitude, Feria, Ralph Lauren, Emporio Armani White, Bratz, Serbisyo Pinoy and Mr. Magloo sponsored the games, giveaways and prizes. Additional entertainment was provided by the Miriam College cheer dancing team and the Innerzone Dancers.

The MTV Penshoppe Youth Council was launched during the event.

WG&A BAGS ANVIL

WG&A Philippines corporate communications manager Gina Virtusio receives the Anvil Award of Merit from the Public Relations Society of the Philippines Anvil chair Eduardo Alcaraz during the 37th Anvil Awards Gabi ng Parangal at the Hotel Inter-Continental Manila. WG&A was cited for its revitalized 'Give a Can. Give Hope' campaign, a project geared towards caring for the environment and providing employment and livelihood opportunities for the differently abled. Launched in 1998, 'Give a Can. Give Hope' has generated 70 tons of used aluminum beverage cans (UBCs) transformed into wheelchairs, canes and crutches. The collected UBCs are shipped by WG&A to the Tahanang Walang Hagdan compound in Rizal. Also shown are Joey Palacios, member of the board of ju[illegible] (left) and Honesto Isleta, president of PRSP.

NESTLE MALAYSIA VISITS PULILAN FACTORY

Officers from Nestle Malaysia recently visited the Nestle Pulilan factory to benchmark various practices and activities. Led by Batu Tiga factory production manager Izam, production head Md Yusuf Othman, and Chan Poh Seng of M&R Noodle Operation, the group observed Pulilan's noodle operations, personnel training in food safety and hygiene, safety programs, product development programs, and reward system. Shown is Nestle Pulilan factory manager Ed Legasto (second from right) with the visitors. Their visit was coordinated by Danny Canias and Philip del Rosario of Nestle Pulilan.

NAVALTA, MARALAG SPEAK AT PANA MEET

The Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana) conducted its second general membership meeting recently at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel sponsored by the Kadayawan sa Davao Foundation Inc. The meeting's topic was 'How to Effectively Spend Your Media Budget' with speakers Venus Navalta of McCann Erickson Philippines and Lizelle Maralag pf Starcom Worldwide Philippines. Shown during the awarding of tokens to the guest speakers were (from left) Pana director Gina R. Virtusio of WG&A (Superferry), Pana board secretary Susie Achacoso-Cruz of Godiva, Pana president Gigi B. Rodriguez of Citibank NA, Navalta, Maralag, Pana vice president Jun G. Alcantara of Asia Brewery Inc. and Jojo L. Samson of McDonald's Philippines.

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DRILON INDUCTS PCIE OFFICERS

Senate President Franklin Drilon (left) inducts the new officers of the Philippine Chamber of Industrial Estates and Ecozones (PCIE). Shown (from left) is PCIE president Rodel Emmanuel C. Adiviso (managing director of Site Search); PCIE trustee lawyer Anthony Abad (FTI chair and NFA administrator); PCIE trustee lawyer Rodolfo Reyes (partner of Cruz & Reyes Law Office); PCIE treasurer Elvira Adorable (director, tax services of Joaquin Cunanan & Co./PricewaterhouseCoopers); PCIE trustee lawyer Victorio Mario Dimagiba (general manager of PNOC Petrochemical Complex); PCIE secretary lawyer Eusebio Tan (partner of Accra Law); PCIE auditor Ernesto Tan (senior vice president of Asea One); PCIE trustee Rufo Colayco (Bases Conversion Development Authority president and CEO). Also inducted were PCIE executive vice president Roberto Sison (executive vice president of Lima Land), PCIE trustee Emmanuel Angeles (president of Clark Development Corp.), PCIE trustee Lourdes de Guzman (first vice president of Northgate Cyberzone). The induction was held at the RCBC Plaza, an institutional member of PCIE.

Product FILES

A new chocolate sensation

RED RIBBON bakeshops nationwide presents the delectable Truffle Cake, a mouth-watering rich concoction of whipped chocolate ganache set on a chocolate souffle base, and decorated with chocolate curls drizzled with chocolate syrup. This 4x8-inch chocolate sensation promises to be a chocoholic's dream come true. 'We are confident that all chocolate lovers would appreciate our Truffle Cake, which is as chocolate as chocolate can get,' Claire Carlos, Red Ribbon's brand marketing manager, says. 'And priced only at P220, it presents itself to be a bargain too,' she adds.

Where science and religion meet

QUESTIONS, issues and answers abound at an upcoming Science and Religion Conference this April 22 to 26 at the Ateneo de Manila.

The conference aims to probe the enigmatic—and often problematic—relationship between science and religion, in the context of modern-day issues such as sustainable development, the environment and information technology.

Sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, with the assistance of the John Templeton Foundation, the conference has as keynote speaker William Stoeger, SJ, noted staff scientist at the Vatican Observatory and professor at the University of Arizona. He holds a doctorate in astrophysics and holds degrees in philosophy, physics and theology.

Various perspectives will be presented by other speakers such as Jose Villarin, SJ (climate change), Blas Tabaranza (biodiversity), Eduardo Natividad (religious studies) and Romeo J. Intengan (social ethics).

The conference is open to the public, with a conference fee of P1,000. The conference will be held at the East Asian Pastoral Institute at the Ateneo de Manila University. Lodging at the Eapi can be provided, and financial assistance is available.

The conference is made possible by a joint effort of the Eapi, the Manila Observatory, Ateneo de Manila University School of Science and Engineering, and the University of Santo Tomas College of Science. For inquiries and details, call Ronald M. Yago at 426-5901 to 03, fax 426-6143, or e-mail ryago@admu.edu.ph.

APC launches Smart-UPS Rack Mount

AMERICAN POWER Conversion has expanded its award-winning Smart-UPS line of uninterruptible power supplies with the introduction of Smart-UPS Rack Mount (RM) 1400/2200/3000 Extended Run (XL). Targeted at internetworking equipment such as IP gateways, routers, VOIP and other mission critical applications, the two U and three U high Smart-UPS Rack Mount Extended Run series units are designed to support the needs of rack-optimized servers and provide optimum runtime to U-size ratio.

"With rack-mounted server and internetworking equipment shrinking in size, IT managers are fitting more mission-critical equipment in their racks, fueling the need for more power," said Jason Lim, country manager, APC Philippines. "The scalable design of our new APC Smart-UPS Rack Mount Extended Run series provide IT managers the flexibility to determine the amount of runtime required for each of their racks by adding external battery packs as needed."

APC's new Smart-UPS Rack Mount Extended Run Series offers: higher power output to a maximum of 2400 watts; user-replaceable, upgradable batteries; automatic power voltage regulation (AVR)—APC's AVR Boost and AVR Trim ensure that critical equipment receive regulated input voltage during brownouts and overvoltage conditions, and easy integration within the data center environment—mounting kits and rails ensure easy integration with standard rack equipment and the new UPS units are available in black to match the color of the new breed, high-power rack-mounted servers.

The Smart-UPS RM 1400/2200/3000 XL units are shipped with APC's award-winning PowerChute software. This easy-to-install and use software performs automatic, unattended system shutdown as well as important diagnostic and remote management features such as UPS status and testing.

To learn more about the APC Smart-UPS Rack Mount Extended Run Series, visit www.apcc.com/products/smart-ups.

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RELEVANT to the times is the International Terrorism Conference sponsored by the World Jurist Association to be held from April 13 to 20 in Madrid, Spain. Other than extending the European trip to other cities, there is the golden opportunity for the delegates to visit the Floriade, the once-in-a-decade flower and plant exhibition, the biggest in the world, to be held in Amsterdam. For inquiries, call Adam's Express Travel at 521-1651/38 or 98.

IT camp at DLSU-PSI

THE CONSULTING and Education Center of the De La Salle University-Professional Schools Inc. is inviting IT educators to its Educators' Summer Camp dubbed "Going Crazy Over IT". The summer training program aims to bring together experts in the IT industry to give updates on the latest trends in information technology. The extensive training courses lined up are: Advanced Programming, Web Development, NT and Internet Administration, Relational Analysis and Design, Database Design/Software Engineering, Intro to Java/XML, DB Administration and Intro to E-business/Security. The summer camp will be held at the DLSU-Manila campus from April 15 to May 18. For more information, call Riza de Guia at 523-4357, 526-4247, 524-4611 loc. 304 or e-mail riza@ccs.dlsu.edu.ph.

Adarna House call for manuscripts

ADARNA House, the country's pioneer children's book publishing firm, is still accepting submissions of children's stories for its 2003 batch of storybooks. All manuscripts must be typewritten and submitted to 73-A Scout Limbaga Street, Quezon City on or before April 15. For more information, call Adarna House at 372-3548 or 49, or e-mail adarnahouse@adarna.com.ph.

Kids off to magical 'Fruitlandia'

FUN and excitement await kids as Frutips, an international brand of delicious candy that offers a burst of tangy flavors and the natural goodness of real fruits, brings its magical Fruitlandia Forest for a day of adventure on April 14 at SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City and May 12 at Ayala Center, Cebu. Frutips has lined up various activities. To join, participants just have to present at least five empty packs of any Frutips products and exchange them for a day pass. Inside Fruitlandia, kids will have the opportunity to meet His Majesty King Munchee, Lord of Fruitlandia, and visit the different activity booths that feature a play pen area, coloring activities, a face painting center, and photo corner with King Munchee. For inquiries on Fruitlandia, call Executive Decisions at 448-5396/98.

Care ensures 'kesong puti's' purity

By Romulo O. Ponte
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

STA. CRUZ, Laguna—Arlene Medua Macalinao, 41, is not yet working full time in the family's *kesong puti* (white native cheese) business but pretty soon she expects to be.

She is being groomed by her aging mother to become the next member of the Medua clan to take on the responsibility of running the three-generation-old enterprise begun by her deceased grandparents, Santos Medua and Matilde Garibez, about 50 years ago.

Basically a small and informal enterprise, the family business has maintained its conservative stance handed down by the grandparents—remaining manageable in size but stable in quality and profitability.

Arlene, who finished a B.S. Commerce course at the University of the East, admitted being content with the way the business has been going.

Everybody helps

Every member of the family helps in the production, which is done manually, and in the marketing of the product.

They produce at least 90 pieces of *keso* daily, depending on the availability of pure carabao's milk.

Arlene's mother, Leticia, now 64, still personally manages the production with her assistance.

Her younger brother Enrique, 39, who finished first year college, is now employed in the Victoria municipal office as a driver. But he also helps in making the *kesong puti* by extracting milk from the carabao.

The family's *kesong puti* has reached Metro Manila markets like the Inter-Continental Hotel in Makati City, the South Mall Manila, Shoemart and Rustan's.

Intercon is a regular customer as Arlene's husband Deo, 45, has been employed as a room boy in the hotel for 22 years now.

Though the family wants to avoid going into full commercial operation and remain modest to maintain the personal touch, and therefore, quality, doing so appears inevitable.

Carabao's milk

Kesong puti is a nutritious, delicious sandwich spread made mainly from fresh carabao's milk and salt. Other ingredients are added but the couple refused to divulge them, as these are their "top secret" ingredients in making their cheese taste unique and above the rest.

ARLENE and her husband Deo

PHOTOS BY ROMULO O. PONTE

Arlene said the milk should preferably be taken from carabaos that are cross breeds of native and buffalo strains. This carabao breed produces big quantities of fresh milk and results in the best quality white cheese.

Cow's milk is not advisable, according to Arlene, because it does not easily form into tubular shape and the taste is different.

"Care must be observed so that the milk is pure and no water molecules are found in the preparation," she said.

Milk source

Arlene's family gets milk from their own stock of more than 10 female carabaos, which they have entrusted to caretakers in nearby Barangay San Jose.

Her late grandparents started the industry with only five female carabaos until they multiplied into as many as 20 animal heads.

Every lactating carabao can continuously supply milk for four to five years.

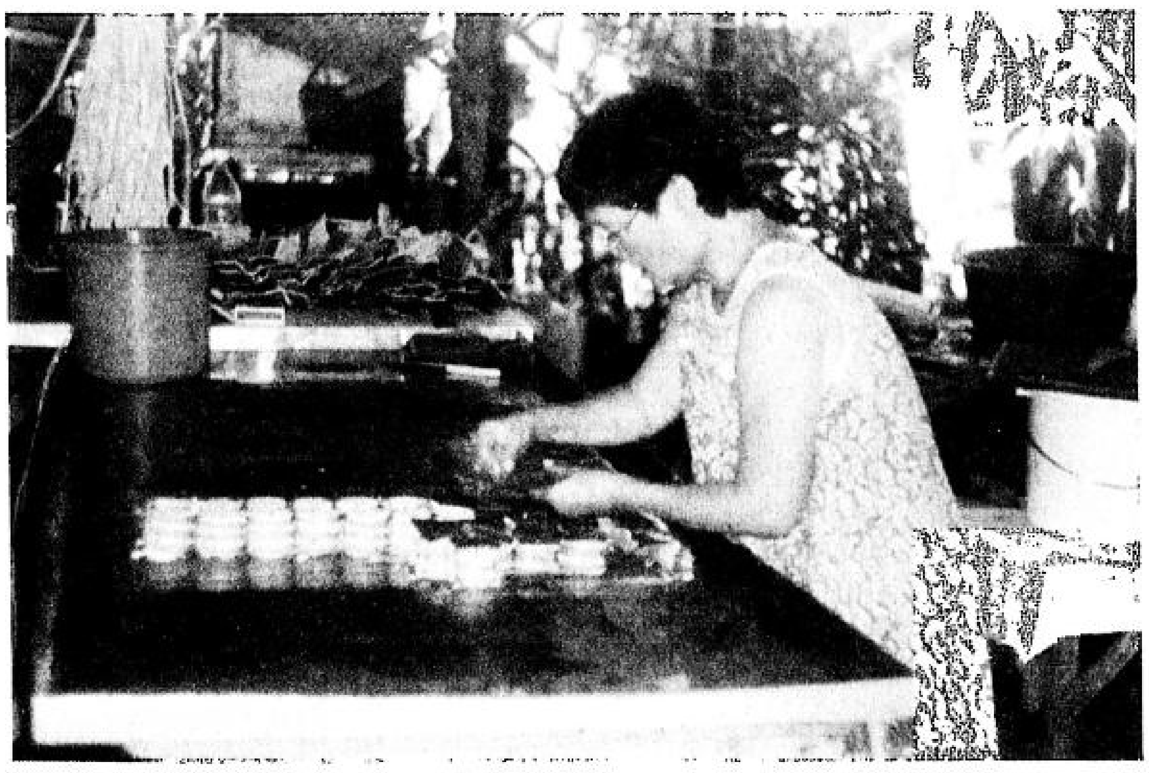
The number of carabaos continues to increase as their offspring are allowed to grow and produce milk while the unproductive ones are either sold or used for other farm needs.

The main outlets for the finished product are three stalls under the names of Arlene, her mother and her sister. Arlene's stall is located just in front of their house along the highway in Barangay Bagumbayan.

This is where her regular customers frequent to buy or place orders for *kesong puti*.

Intercon, Arlene said, usually orders 60 pieces daily, which her husband brings with him when he reports for work in the hotel. This saves them the cost of delivering the product. One piece of *kesong puti* costs P25. The couple also occasionally delivers cheese to the South Mall in Manila, Shoemart and Rustan's.

There are passersby who also frequent her place in spite of the many stalls along the highway selling the same product.



SHE begins covering each finished 'keso' piece with banana leaves.

There are six other producers of *kesong puti* in the area, which have also been passed on from one generation of children to the next.

Though accounts said the *kesong puti* started way back during the Spanish period, there is no record of who really started it.

But one thing the residents of Barangay Bagumbayan are sure and proud of, *kesong puti* came from their village.

Best season

The best months for *kesong puti* are November, December, January, February and March. These are the months when fruits, which are *kesong puti's* bitter competitors, are scarce and expensive, thus, customers buy more *kesong puti*.

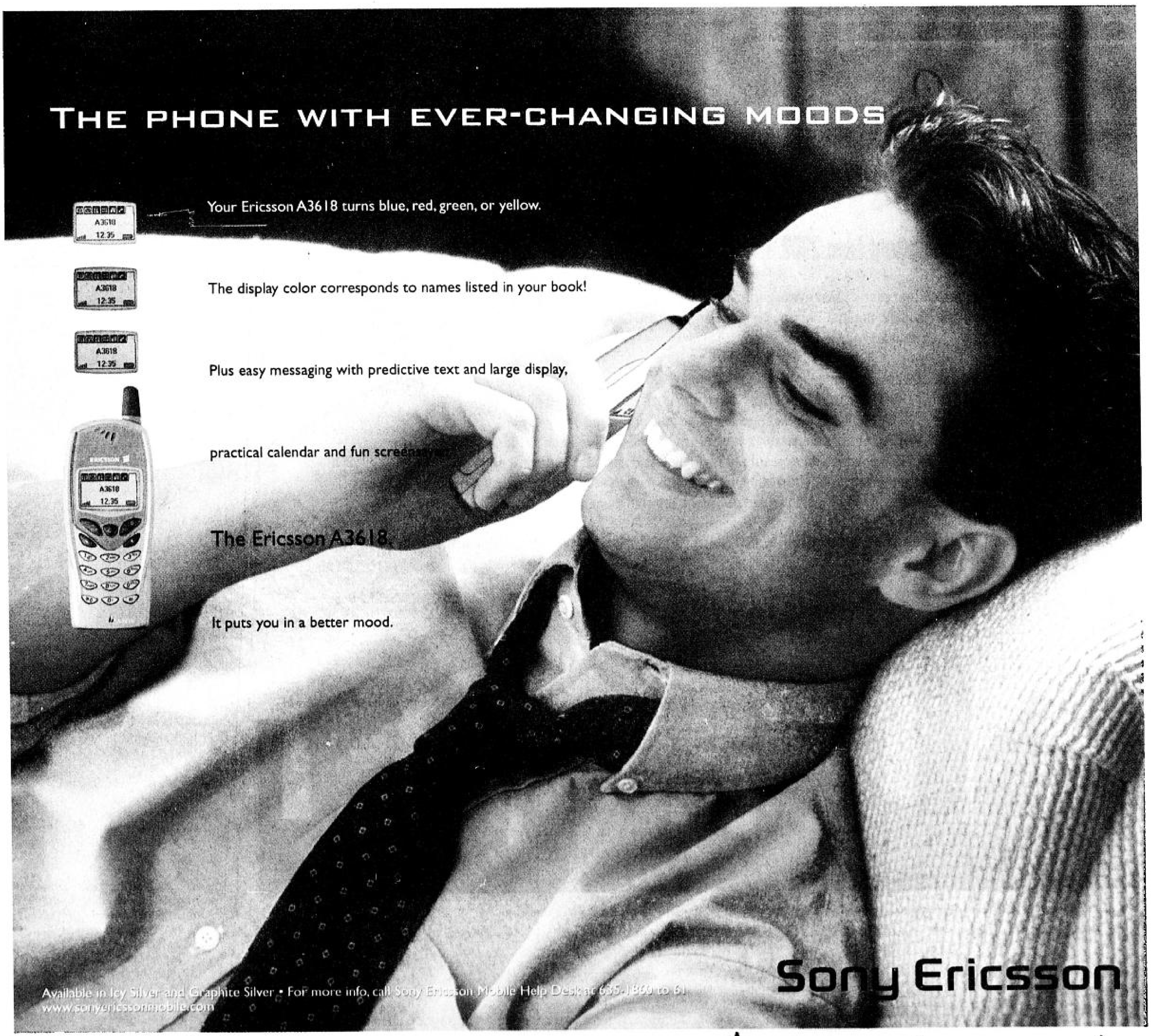
Arlene said the family's native cheese trade helped her send her two children to Colegio de San Juan de Letran in Calamba City. It also financed their house and eatery business.

She claimed that not all hands are gifted to make *kesong puti*.

PIECES of the 'kesong puti' displayed in a stall, just outside Macalinao's residence

"There are hands which are too rigid and not fit to handle the production of the cheese," Arlene said. "They could not handle the milk hard enough to form into shapes without melting it back to liquid."

She said the hands needed must be clean, gentle and extra careful in every detail in the processing of the *keso*. "Extra care must be done to avoid contamination that may spoil the whole process," the *kesong puti* maker said.



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Stop, look and (hopefully) buy

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

CONSUMER firms are always on the lookout for cost-effective ways to reach out to their target customers, especially now that business costs have gone up and sales are down.

Corporations now more than ever want to make sure that their advertising peso will go a long way. One alternative is to go for outdoor advertising, which has been gaining popularity over the past few years.

This is seen in the proliferation of larger than life posters of popular celebrities endorsing different products or of movie stars in their up and coming movies or television specials.

One form of specialty outdoor advertising is the outdoor billboard or panel such as those offered by StopOvers Inc.

StopOvers Inc. offers advertising spaces in 180 waiting sheds located around Metro Manila.

The subsidiary of the High Desert group of companies was established in 1991 when the founding partners were awarded the sole franchise to construct, operate and maintain waiting sheds all over Metro Manila by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

In exchange, StopOvers was allowed to offer advertising spaces in these waiting sheds to offset the cost of maintaining the clean and well-lighted waiting sheds.

StopOvers general manager Edmond Lim says these waiting sheds are ideal locations for advertisements since thousands of commuters and passers-by use them daily while waiting for public transportation or a shelter from the heat and the rain.

"Our panels may not be as large as those billboards along Edsa but we believe that we are effective because we are right where the mass market is," Lim says.

A typical StopOvers waiting shed has four advertising spots. The rack rates show that the top fascia panel (0.61 meters by 6 meters) costs P11,780 a month. The top front panel on top of the waiting shed costs P18,480 a month. The diorama panel (1.5 m x 1 m) goes for P4,620 a month while the top side panel sells for P9,240 a month.

"The ad rates vary according to the number of panels that are leased and the duration of the contract," Lim says.

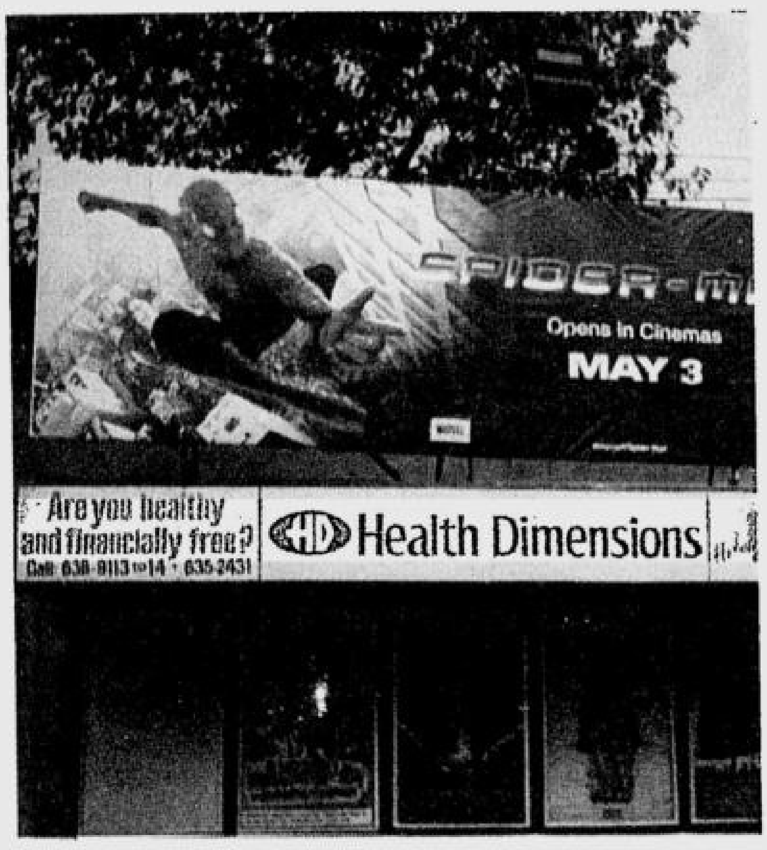
StopOvers claims that over 1.2 million consumers use the waiting sheds every day.

StopOvers also gives the client the option to move the advertising material around or to choose the ideal location for his material from among the 180 panels, at no extra cost.

"For example, a client's advertisement may be originally located in a waiting shed in Ortigas. If it so happens that he plans to run a marketing or promotions campaign in Makati, we could pull down the advertisement material in Ortigas and transfer these to waiting sheds in Makati as long as there is space," Lim says.

Lim also says that the waiting sheds can be modified according to the client's preference and StopOvers can offer special advertising rates, depending on the number of panels or spaces to be leased by the client.

Pharmaceutical firms were among the first that advertised in the waiting sheds. The client group has since expanded to include Roche Phils., Sulpicio Lines, Warner Bros., Columbia Pictures, Buena Vista International, Aiwa Electronics, Nugget Food Corp., Beverly Hills, Boston Co. and Century Chemical Corp.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Kitchen, bath industry shows higher-priced decor

CHICAGO—Fashionable kitchens are wearing color or a metallic sheen this year and hip bathrooms have whirlpools.

But flashy bathrooms and kitchen's with pizazz don't come cheap, and companies at last week's Kitchen/Bath Industry Show & Conference in Chicago hoped their new products and designs would persuade customers to shell out that extra cash.

Though appliance makers saw consumers cut back on spending for their home last year, they are planning for a better 2002 as people clamor for high-priced decor, even when it calls for pinching pennies elsewhere.

"People want to put their own personality on their homes," said Dennis Ayers, owner of Ayers and Associates, which does mainly kitchen cabinet design. "When they have a price limit, people will give up the accessories inside for the appearance."

At the annual show, bath designers perused wares that included fancy tubs with whirlpools, air jets, waterfalls and even an embedded flatscreen television. Kitchen designers checked out the latest high-tech appliances and current crazes like the stainless-steel finish.

The biggest US home appliance makers, like Whirlpool Corp., Maytag Corp. and General Electric Co.'s GE appliances, were at the show, as well as smaller companies offering everything from purple toilets to Turkish and Italian tiles.

Maytag is focusing on the upper end of the market to drive growth in its business, chief executive Ralph Hake told Reuters on Friday at the show.

"We believe as a company that people will pay for innovation," he said. "It's our job to convince them to pay for that."

Upscale features

To tap into the high end, Maytag has introduced new products including a dishwasher with three racks and a refrigerator that lets the customer design the facade to his or her own specifications.

The stainless steel kitchen appliance trend seems to be as strong as ever. Once the province of premium-priced European brands and professional kitchen products makers, now there are scaled-down versions.

AB Electrolux has two stainless steel kitchen lines in the United States sold under its Frigidaire Brand. The lines look similar to professional and European appliance lines but offer fewer features and a lower price.

"These are definitely upscale products, but not all the way up in the stratosphere," said Tony Evans, an Electrolux spokesperson.

To further capitalize on the metallic craze, Electrolux exhibited prototypes of refrigerators with patterned brass, copper and silver finishes.

Whirlpool chief executive David Whitwam has said new products will jumpstart what has been an industry stalemate, which drove appliance makers to focus on prices to compete.

Whirlpool, the biggest US appliance maker, is rolling out new laundry products including its Personal Valet, which can steam clean dry-clean only clothes in your home. It is also rolling out a new line of whirlpool tubs under the name Cielo.

The good life

Companies are trying to create a new paradigm for home design.

"The good life now is home and family," said Gary Uhl, director of design for American Standard Cos Inc.'s US plumbing products.

American Standard's booth at the show featured home decor goodies like child-sized toilets and sinks and cabinets with faded paint jobs that look like they belonged to your grandmother.

"People now feel entitled and empowered to invest in themselves," Uhl said.

Shares of Whirlpool are up about 4 percent this year, and Maytag has gained about 45 percent. American Standard is up about 7.9 percent this year.

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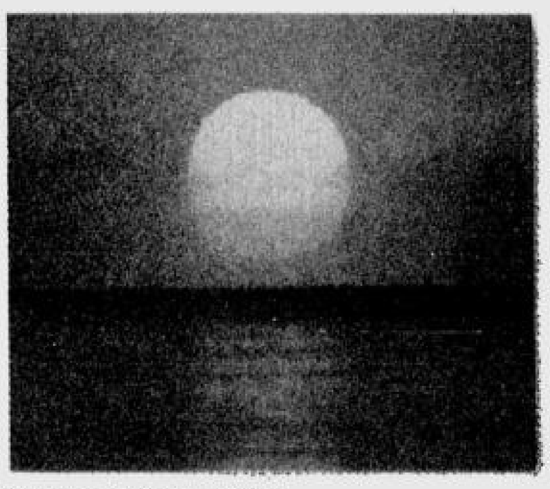
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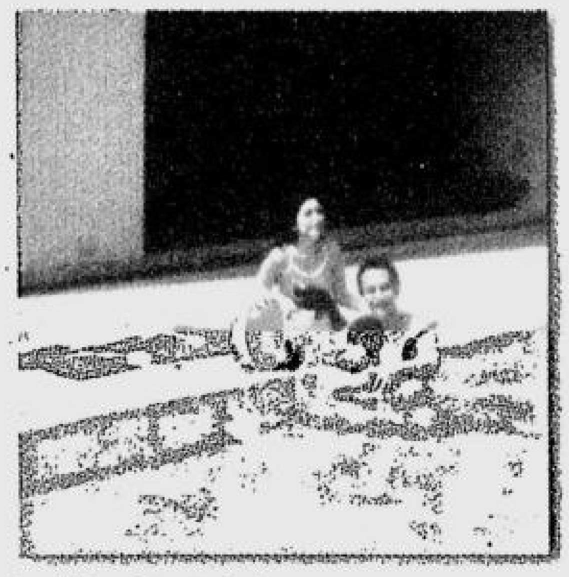
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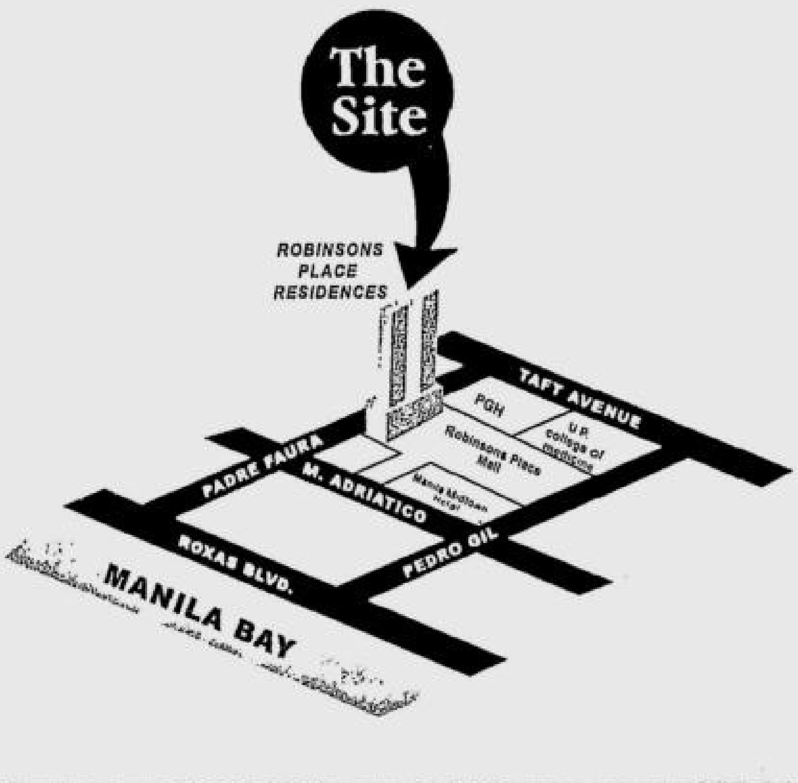

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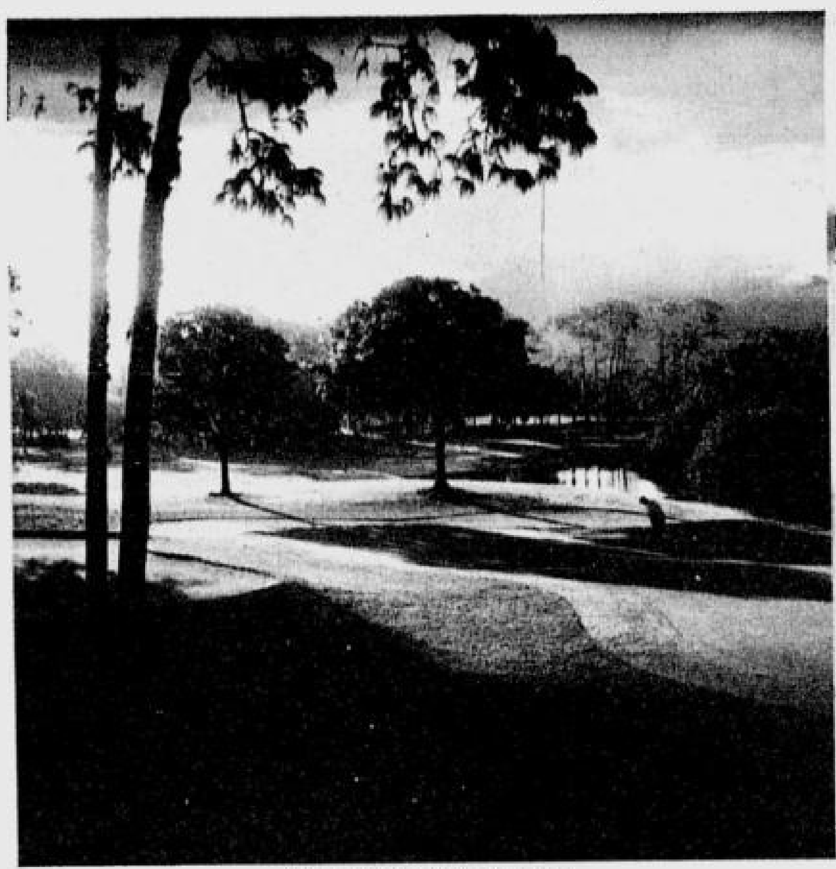

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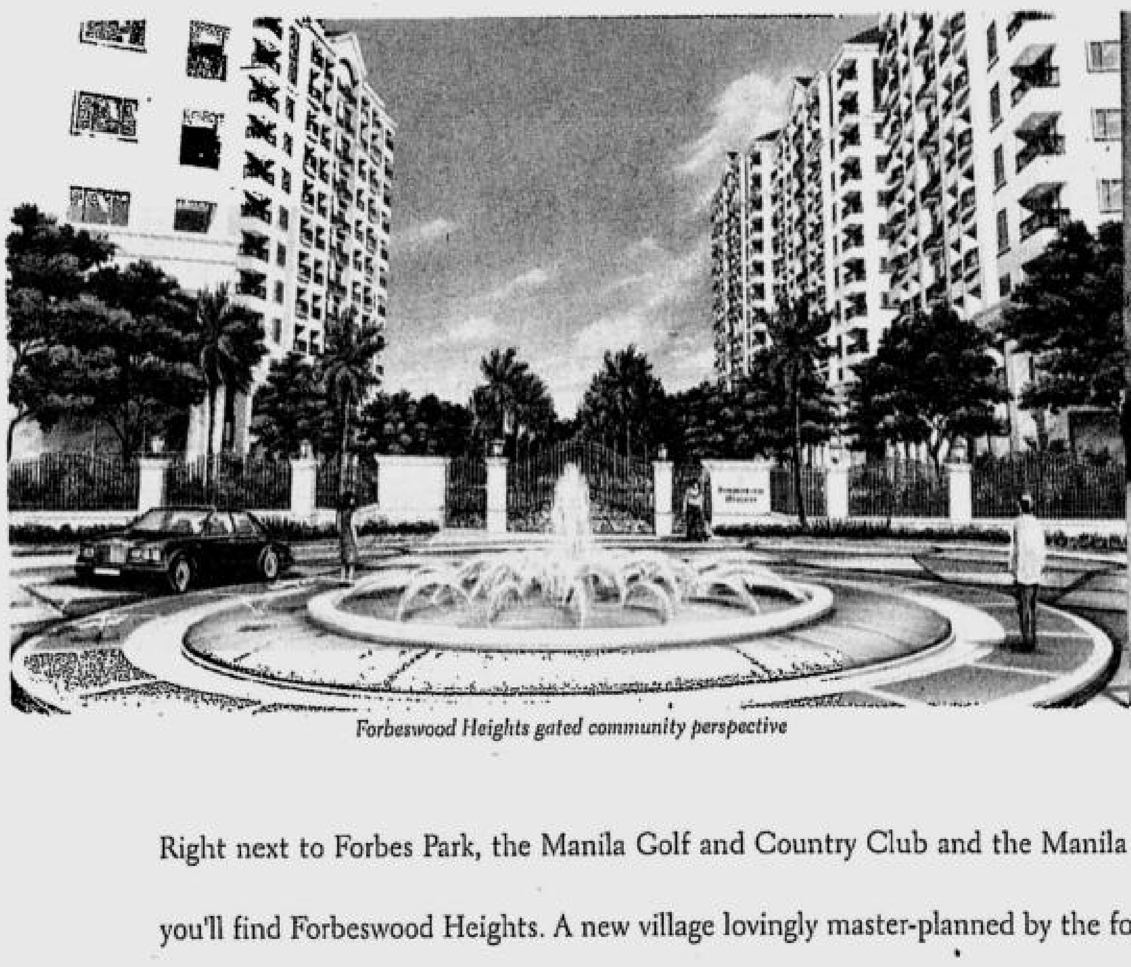

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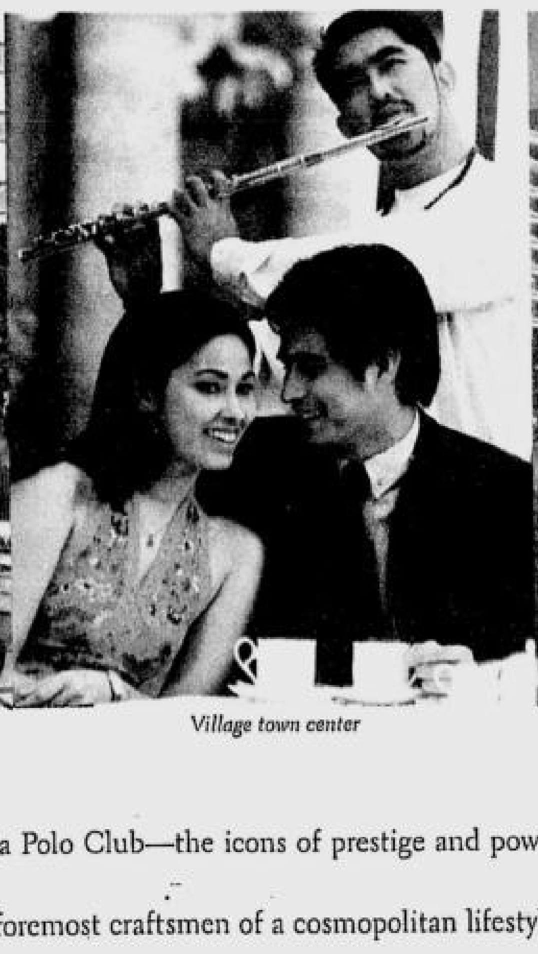

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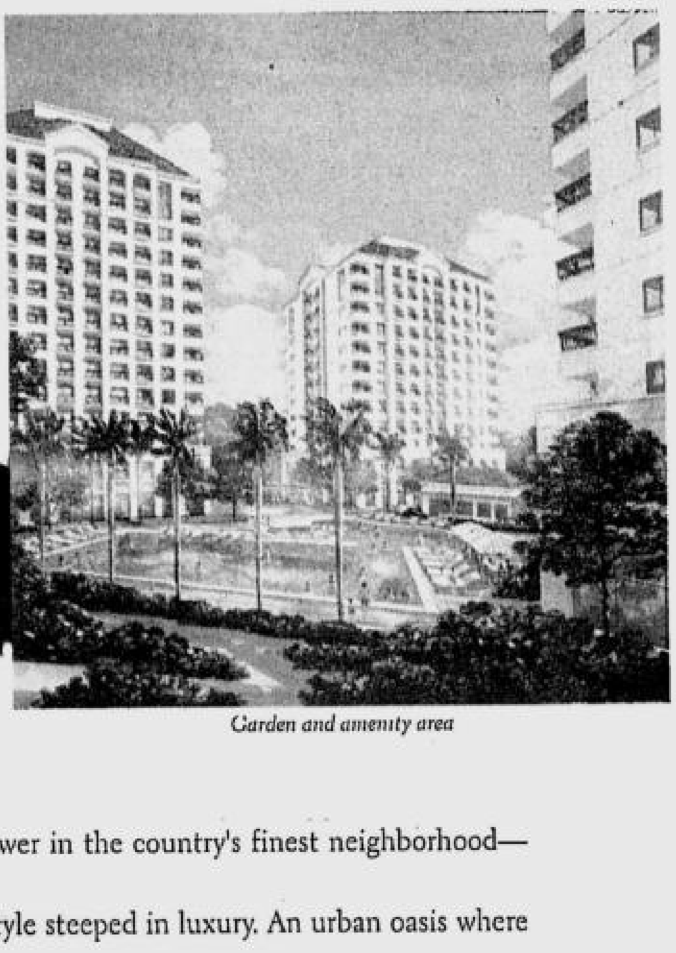

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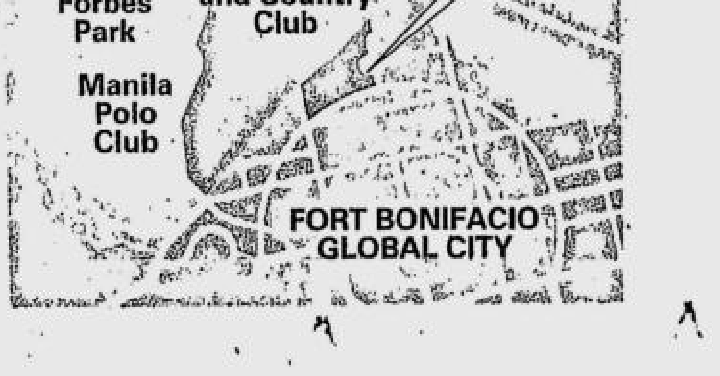
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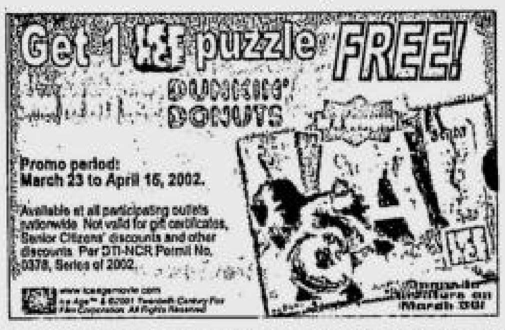
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The making of an aha! moment

GOING monochromatic

By Marge C. Enriquez
Photos by Jun de Leon
PICTORIAL DIRECTION BY ANTONIO SALAC SANTOS

LIKE a matador with the sword, waiting for the final charge of the bull, photographer Jun de Leon waited for the moment of truth.

De Leon's pictorials had often been just a breeze as he had preproduction meetings and planning sessions. But this particular shoot was a battle of sorts with nature and chance. He was nearly overcome by defeat were it not for a pep talk from the pictorial director.

One evening in March, De Leon had set up a denim pictorial at the swimming pool of Wilfred Sy, president of Authentic American Apparel, the licensee for Lee Jeans. The storyline was about youths making a splash in the pool after a party on a summer night. The concept was to capture

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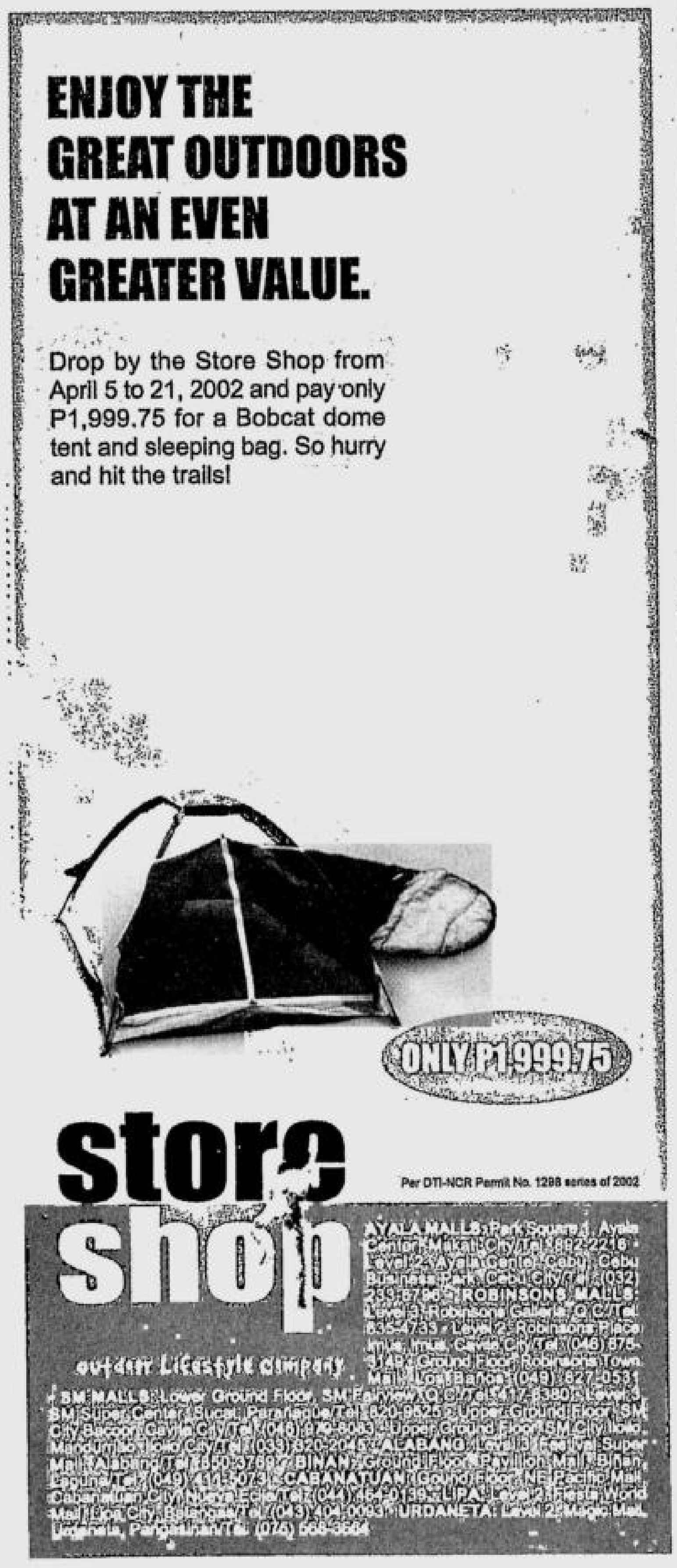
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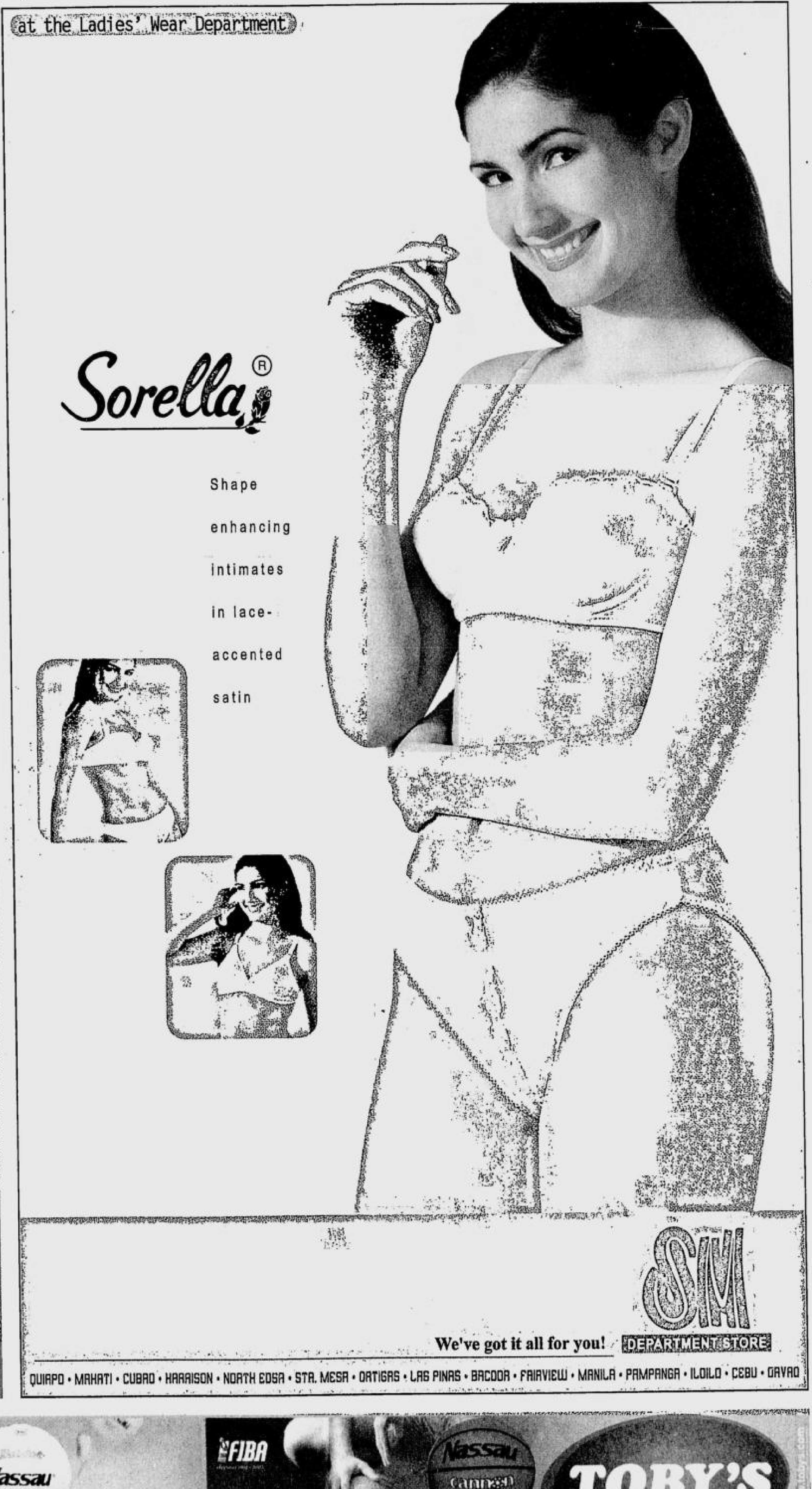
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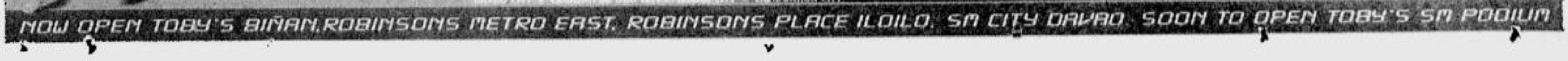
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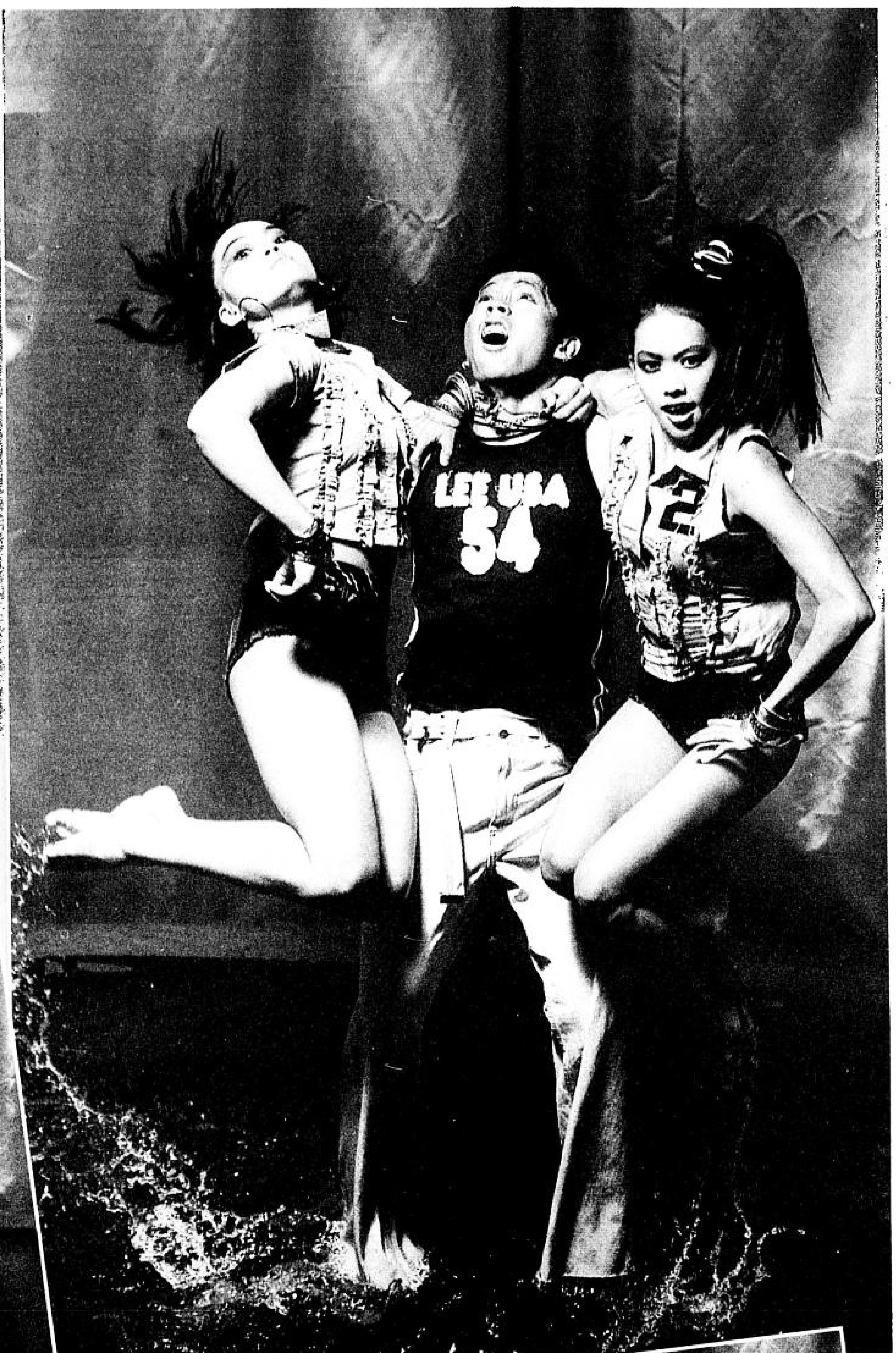

TAMMY and Phoebe wear ruffled shirts and shorts while Ronnie wears university tank top

FRINGED and embroidered jeans

STAINED, faded denim

RIPPED and tie-dyed shirt

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the upsurge of water as the denim-clad gymnasts rebounded from the trampoline that was inside the pool.

Enthusiastic

For many weeks, De Leon, pictorial director Antonio Santos and representatives from Authentic American Apparel—Kristine Uy, the assistant to the president, and Efren Arcino, the creative director—had held meetings to brainstorm the concept. The jeans company was enthusiastic about the idea that they even bought a trampoline and created a new collection just for this pictorial. The clothes reflected the water theme—indigo, mottled colors, loose fit to facilitate the movements of the gymnasts, denim appliqués and smudges on T-shirts.

The night before the shoot, the creative team rehearsed with the gymnasts. De Leon took test shots and calculated if the water level was too much or too little to achieve the perfect splash. A cyclorama in ocean-blue was propped close to the pool to serve as the background.

On the actual night of the shoot, the photographer was faced with many challenges. The gymnasts, accustomed to lycra and nylon, felt awkward doing stunts in denims and cotton. Nor were they used to moving as one unit like a corps de ballet.

"The whole idea was to get them into their clothes, jump into the pool, bounce off with a trail of water following them. But what I saw in my mind's eye was not what I see through the lens," he recalled.

Most difficult

The most difficult part was when the gymnasts jumped on the trampoline that was in the pool, the water wouldn't splash. There was no way De Leon could control the water.

There was a debate about the right amount of water in the pool. Nobody could calculate if there was too much or too little to get the splashing effects. Filling up one tile would take four hours and that would overextend the pictorial schedule. Nonetheless, the owner called a fire truck on standby.

Four hours had passed and yet, the situation seemed unwieldy. De Leon was extremely self-conscious as people watched him. Like a matador in the *corrida,* he felt pressured to deliver in front of an audience. At one point, he walked out and called on Santos to tell the models and the people from Lee Jeans that it was time to pack up. But Santos assured him the shoot could be done.

De Leon made his final attempt. He explained to the gymnasts for the nth time what his vision was. Something must have touched the male gymnast that he finally understood. He jumped into the pool and unabashedly expressed exhilaration and refreshment for being inside the cool waters on a humid summer night. The gymnast's enthusiasm was infectious, and his colleagues picked up the vibes.

De Leon finally got the right picture and the succeeding frames, and finished the shoot like a victorious matador who conquered the bull. He went home with a smile—and with a lesson. "I had all the positive energy around me," he said.

As Lao Tzu once said, "Creating an impression is not more potent than acting from one's center."

Lee Jeans will hold a show and dance party tomorrow at 7 and 9 p.m. as part of Fashion Week's series at the Glorietta Activity Center. The collection will feature summer brights, black and whites, surfing-inspired fashion and faded denims

Dinner-dance raises funds for environmental program

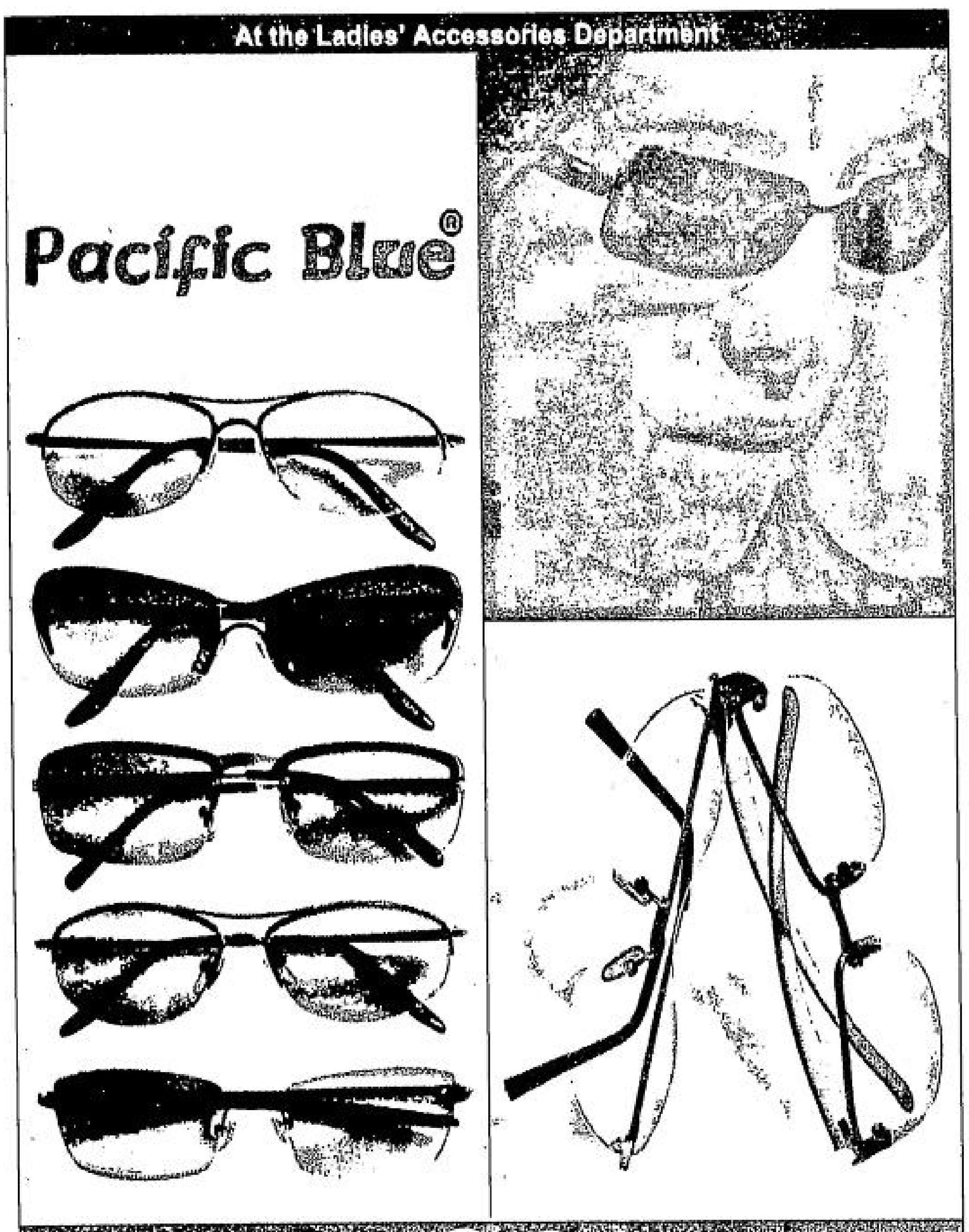
WITH PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor, the Metro Manila Linis-Ganda will hold a dinner-dance and "Celebrities in Concert" on April 15, 7 p.m., at the Manila Hotel. The Diplomatic Corps and Spouses of the Heads of Missions are participating.

The event will raise funds for the Linis-Ganda program.

Sonya G. Mathay is Linis-Ganda president while Leonarda Camacho is executive vice president.

Johnny Litton will be the emcee of the affair. Zenas Lozada and Cora Serrano will be the concert pianists.

At the Ladies' Accessories Department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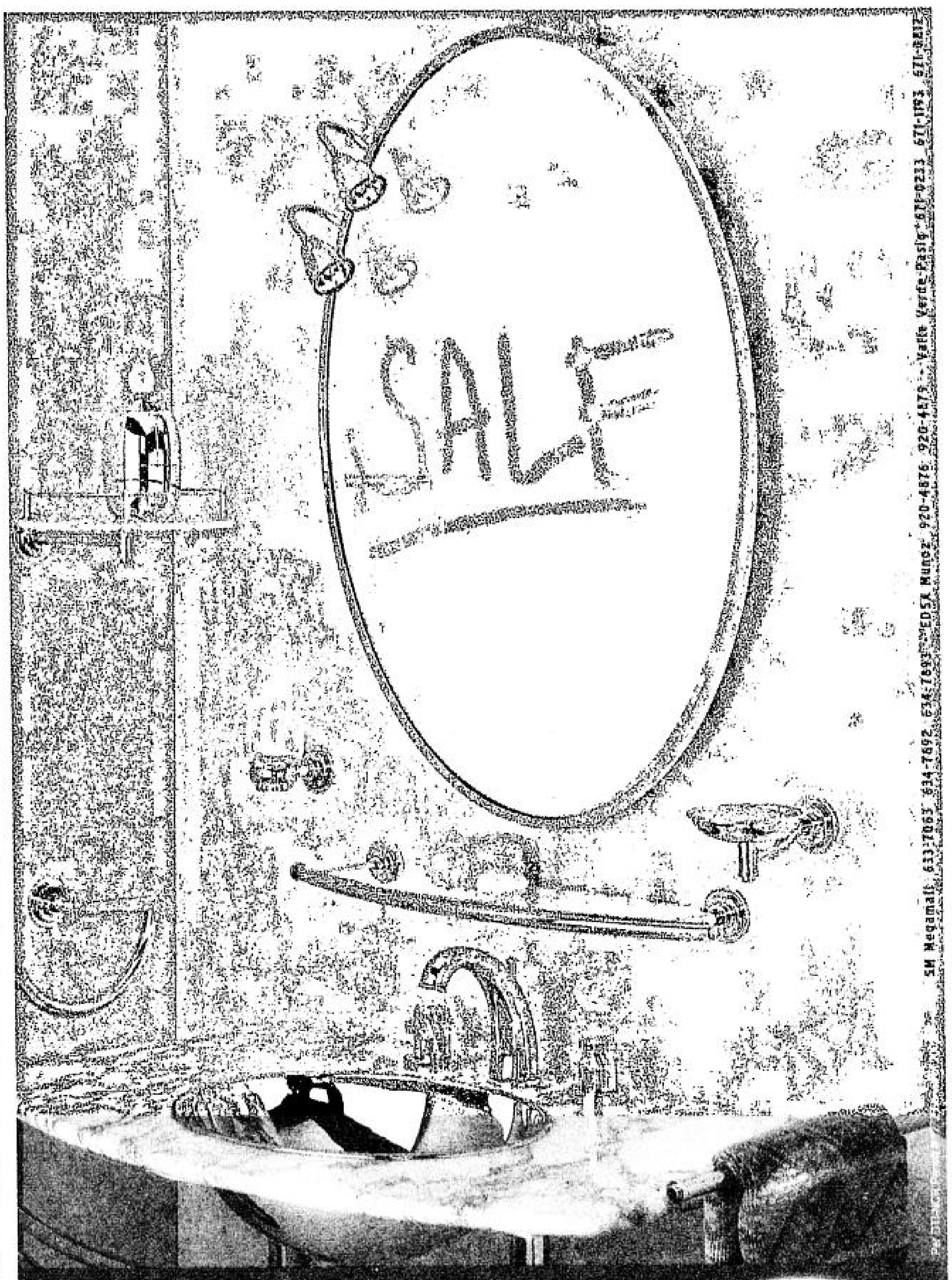

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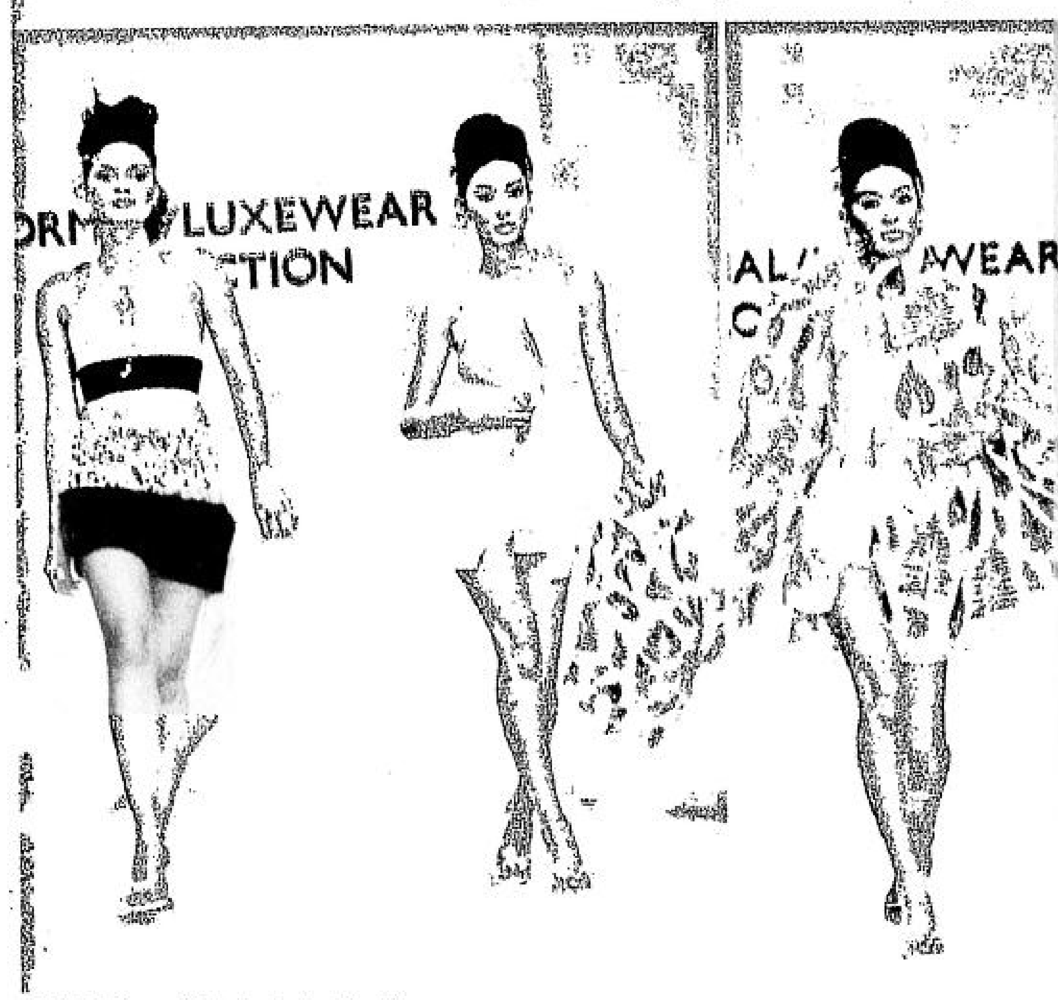
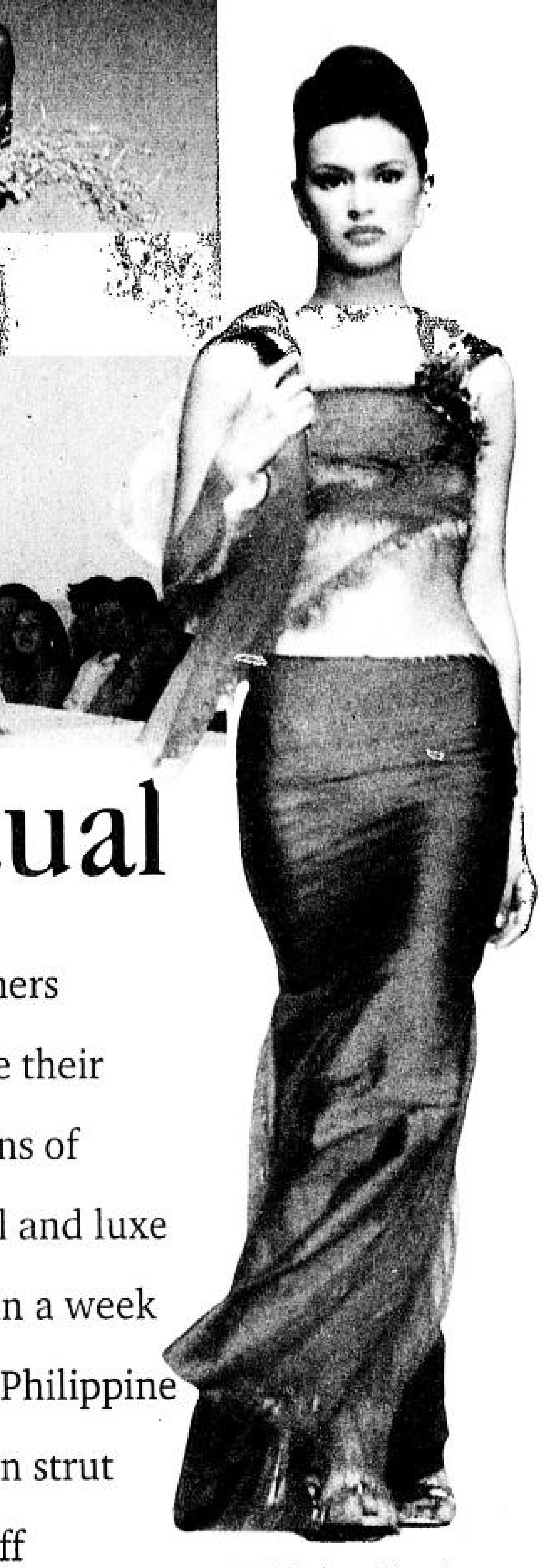


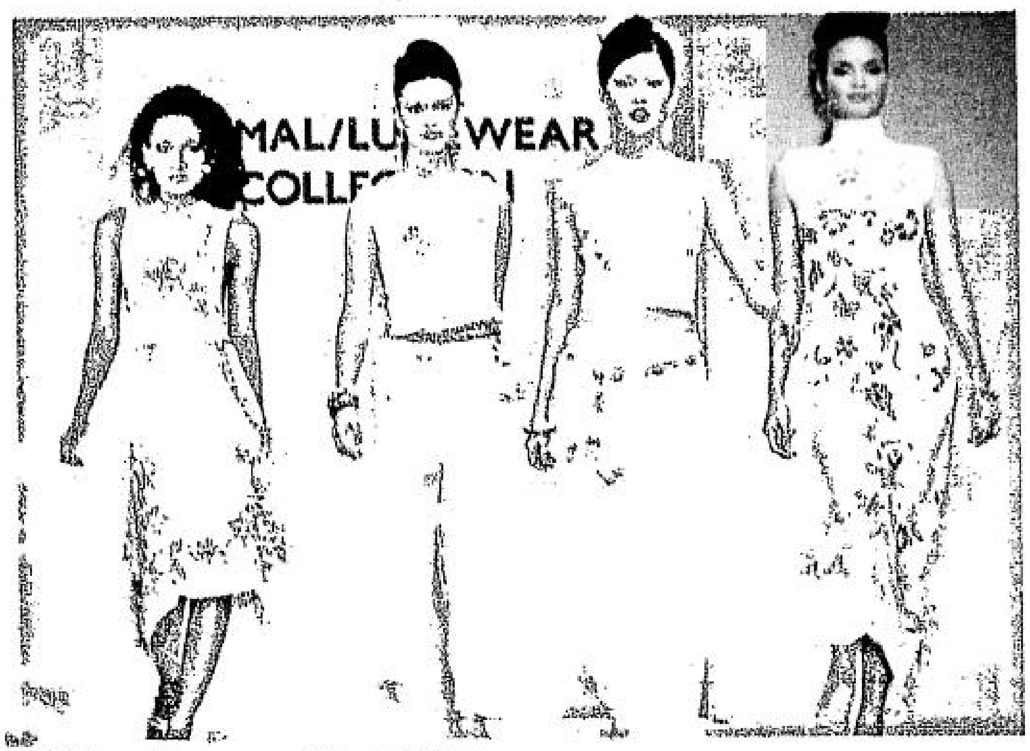
BARGE Ramos' leaf print collection

ALEX Bitong's bride in a strapless gown



LARRY Espinosa's layering

Local fashion's emerging ritual



RAJO Laurel's summer whites and florals

Photos by Chito Vecina

Designers parade their versions of formal and luxe wear in a week when Philippine fashion strut its stuff

THE PHILIPPINE Fashion Week has evolved. From an activity at the Ayala Center combined with special events marketing, it has become a venue for new ideas. Retailers prepare special collections that won't be sold on the racks, and fashion designers can present their forecast at low cost. This annual event is an initiative of Joey and Audie Espino.

During the recent Fashion Week night, an elegant stage with a video monitor was set up at the Glorietta Activity Center. The show featured 20 designers interpreting formal and luxe wear. Frederick Peralta showed caftans with slimming diagonal stripes. Katrina Goulbourn featured her trademark feminine gowns with lace and special silk. Gerry Katigbak presented his ethnic cuts while Jun Cambe showed men in skirts—as usual. Renee Salud featured fringes and florals against white backgrounds.

Here are the best of the designers' night.

Shades of summer

Photos by Chito Vecina
PICTORIAL DIRECTION BY ANTONIO SALAC SANTOS

Oranges, pinks and purples ease the glare of summer

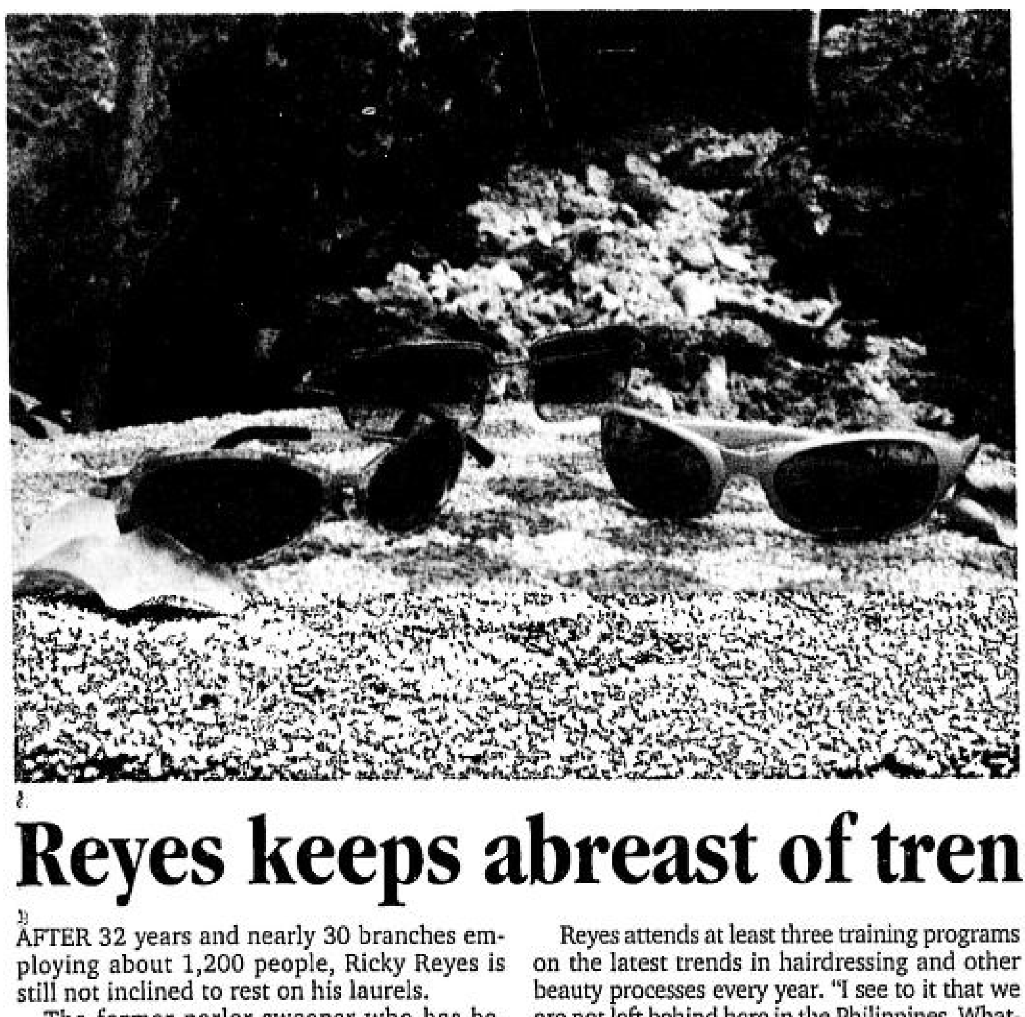
ACETATE and metal frames are the looks of the moment. Lenses in oranges, pinks and purples mystify the look of the eyes. Here's the forecast of the European brands.

D&G Dolce and Gabbana: The sunglasses and spectacles have metal frames with small shapes for those who prefer to keep within bounds. There are also models in imposing forms for those who want to be more conspicuous.

The colors range from strong hues to iridescent shadings and subtle tones with a transparent effect. Here, too, is a play on contrasts: brilliant tones put together with darker nuances and a gamut of colors in the lenses such as antique rose, azure blue, mauve and orange.

Wraparound frames and dark lenses enclose eyes in mystery. Rubber rings circling the lenses provide character.

Classic looks such as oval and rectangular frames are given a twist with acetate frames The color contrasts between the front in a dark color with the sides in iridescent shades are special.



Replay: Mirrored lenses and glossy frames softened by pale colors emphasize the assertive lines. The new styles have the lens screwed onto a metal, bow-shaped support and mirrored, shaded lenses are held up by plastic pieces.

Chloe Lunettes: The acetate sunglasses are large with shimmering reflections of the diamante on the sides. The top models are characterized by asymmetrical shape—a frame in metal makes the glasses light due to the shades mirroring the lens. Another modern classic has a frame that almost disappears to make room for lenses in shaded colors. Its unique feature is the beveling of the center of the lens.

The ophthalmic collection has gentle, delicate lines, done in metal and titanium. The glasses are so fine and light they almost blend into the face. The acetate frames come in colors, shades and iridescent touches. The models in titanium and metal are linear with shaped sides and strong colors such as purple, turquoise and dark cherry

Fornarina: These sunglasses draw their inspiration from the '80s with their heavy-rimmed, angled frames. The colors come in apple green, purple and pink frames with matching lenses in graduating tones. These glasses are great for evening with their fluorescent shades.

Cebe: The French company Cebe is a pioneer in sports and fashion eyewear. Its first claim to fame was having produced goggles for Baron Benz, founder of Mercedes-Benz cars. Since then it has been producing goggles for pilots and sunglasses for rock and ice climbers and skiers. The company also produces eyewear for beach volley, in-line skating and triathlon. Optoline distributes these glasses.

Reyes keeps abreast of trends to make his salon No. 1

AFTER 32 years and nearly 30 branches employing about 1,200 people, Ricky Reyes is still not inclined to rest on his laurels.

The former parlor sweeper who has become one of the country's most recognized hairdressers, Reyes said retirement was not an option as he loved what he was doing.

Relying on sheer guts and plain common sense, Reyes has set up salons in major Metro Manila malls. But Reyes does not go for franchising. "An artist's work can never be franchised… You should always be responsible for your work," he explained.

Reyes attends at least three training programs on the latest trends in hairdressing and other beauty processes every year. "I see to it that we are not left behind here in the Philippines. Whatever is found in the world's major cities—hairstyles, colors—we make sure we get it here in no time." He passes on what he learns to his managers and, through the Ricky Reyes Training Center on Aurora Boulevard, every staff member.

Last year, Reyes introduced PermaStraight, a revolutionary way of hair straightening without the use of harmful chemicals.

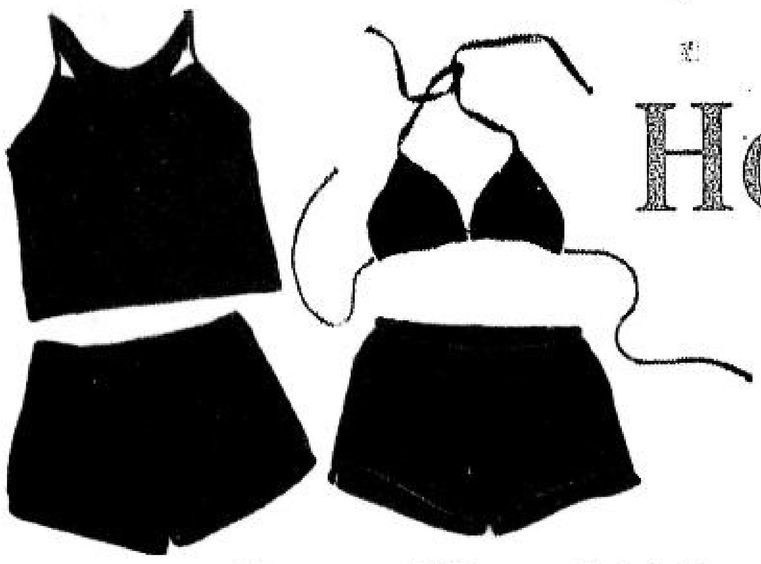
After three decades, the Agora awardee is proud of what he has accomplished.

His establishments have become the salon of choice for a lot of people who want a haircut, a perm, a PermaStraight, cellophane, hot oil, hair aromatherapy, facial, foot spa and all the other services.

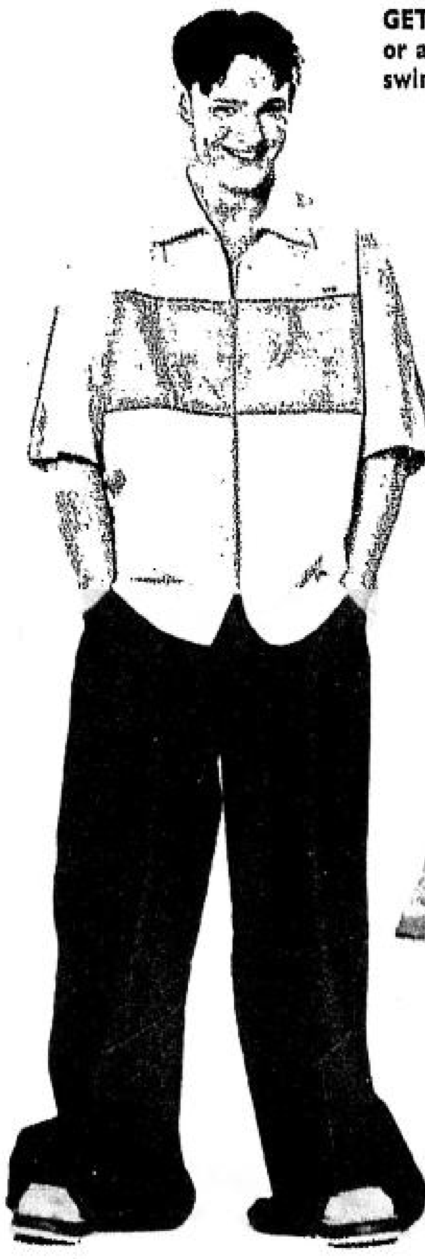
This year, to mark his 32nd year in the beauty business, Ricky Reyes' salons offer a package promo that includes 10 haircut coupons plus one free facial and two free hair aromatherapy for only P1,700. The coupons can be used by the whole family or *barkada* at any Ricky Reyes Salon nationwide.

RICKY Reyes demonstrates new makeup techniques to his staff at the training center in San Juan, MM.

How to keep your cool



GET into racer-back tank top or a string bikini top with swim shorts.



SLIP into loose clothes such as wide-legged denims and this nautical poplin shirt.

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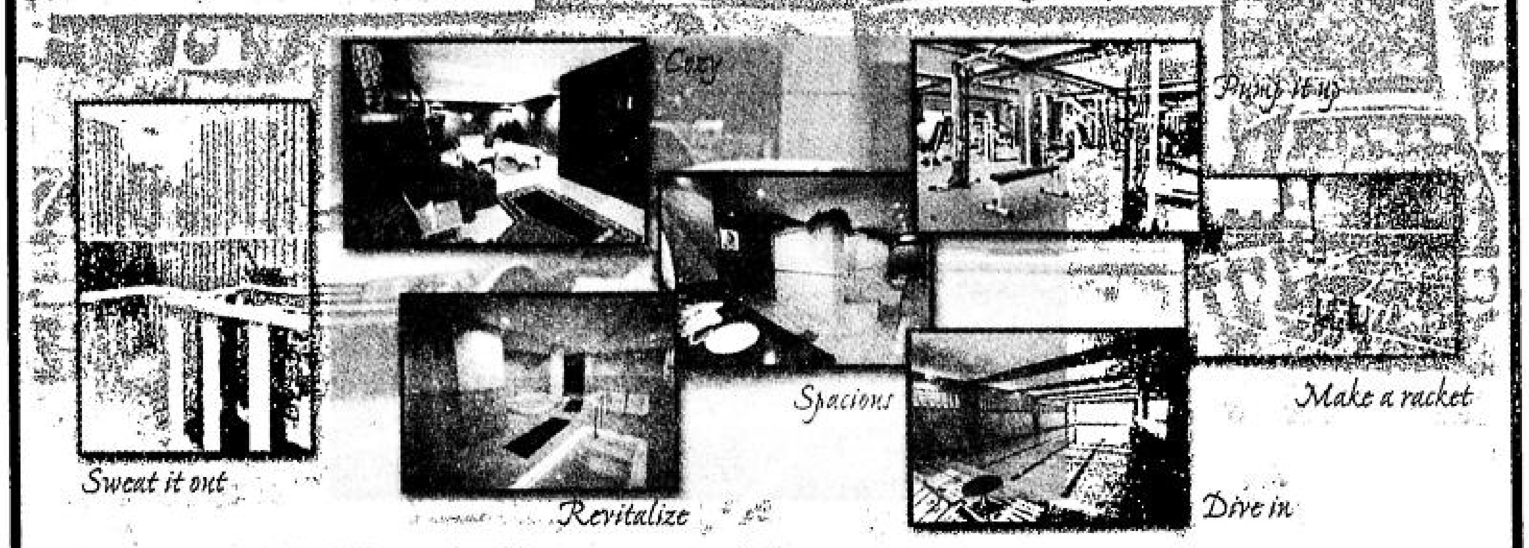
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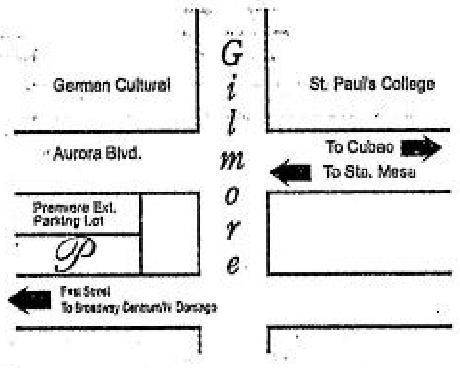
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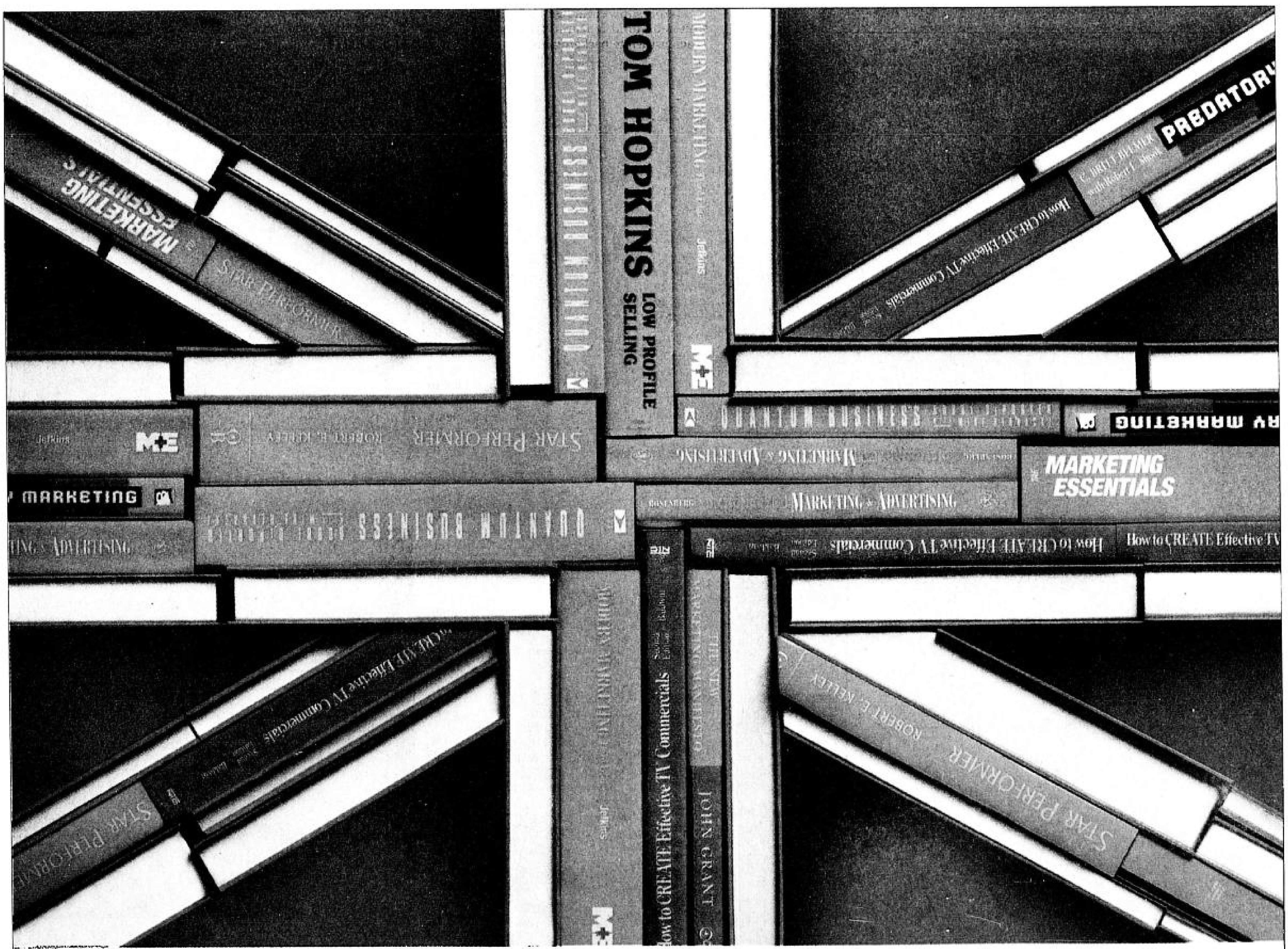
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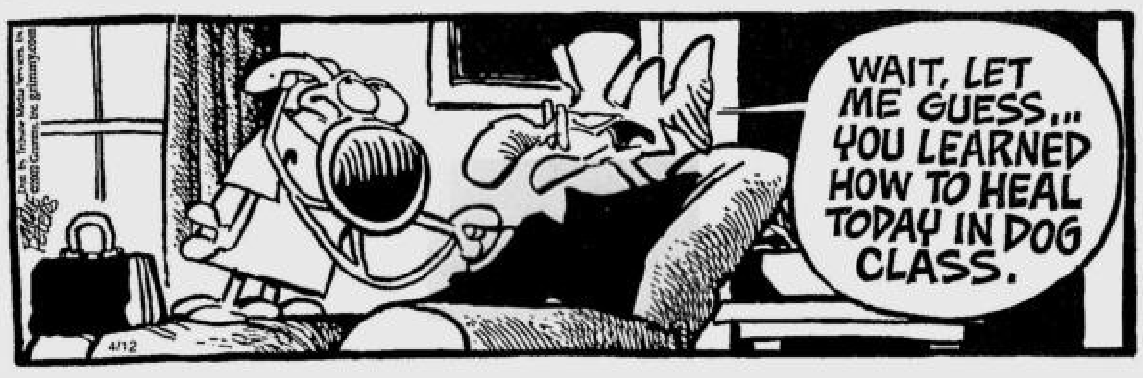
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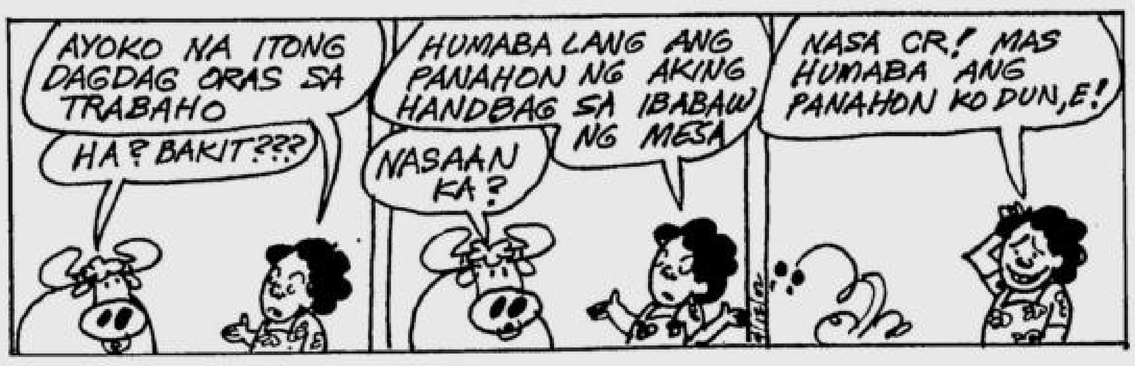
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ATOMO AND WEBOY
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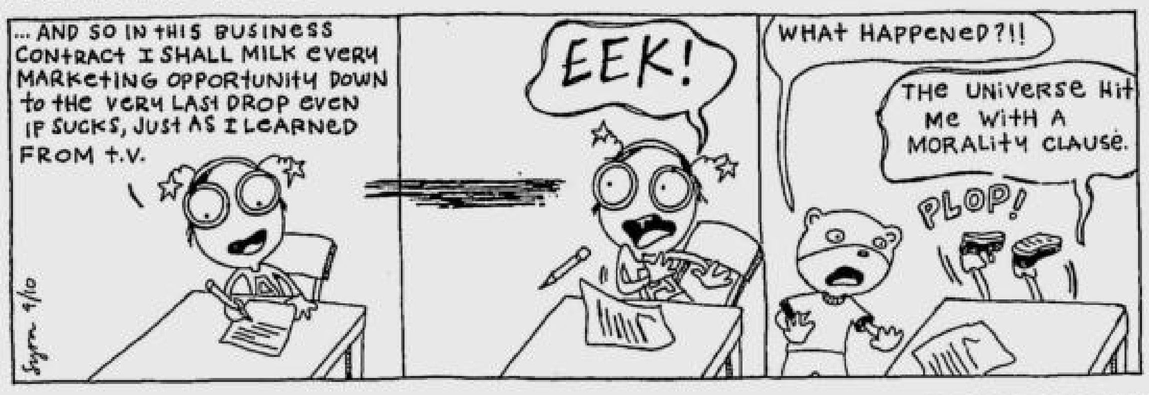
... AND SO IN THIS BUSINESS CONTRACT I SHALL MILK EVERY MARKETING OPPORTUNITY DOWN TO THE VERY LAST DROP EVEN IF SUCKS, JUST AS I LEARNED FROM T.V.
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PLOP!
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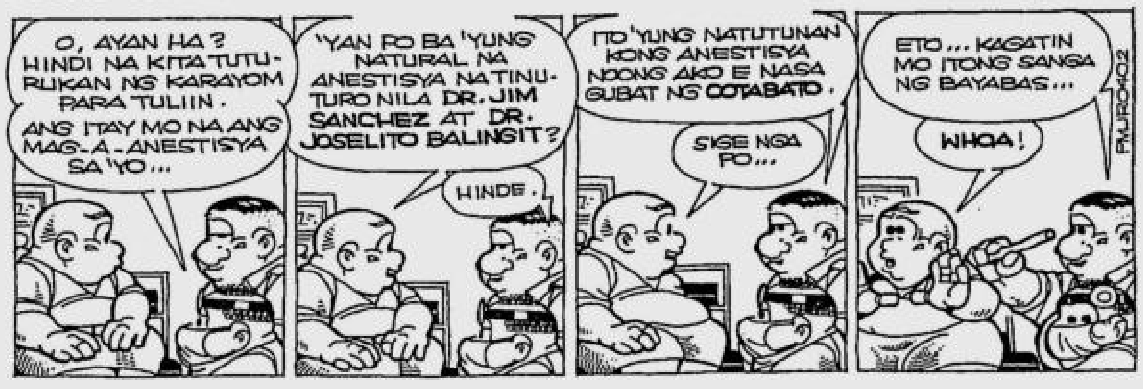
PUGAD BABOY
BY P.M. JUNIOR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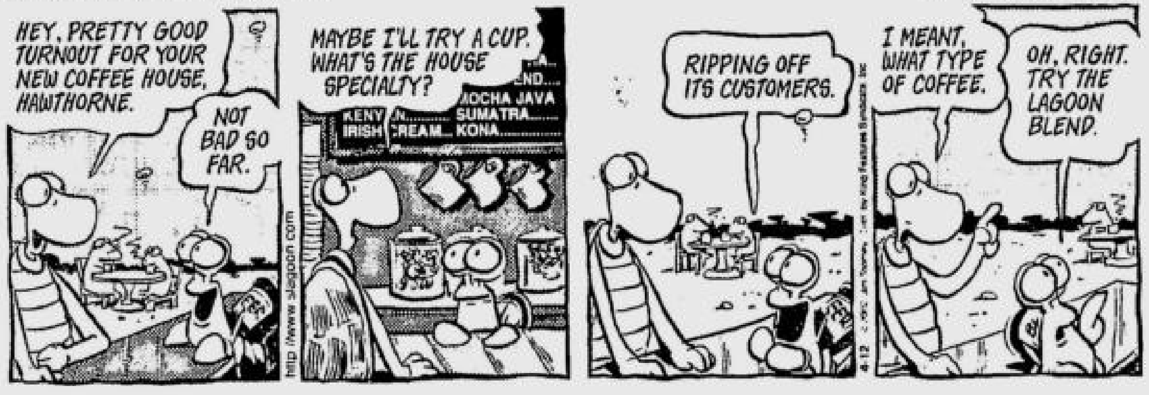
HINDE.
ITO 'YUNG NATUTUNAN KONG ANESTISYA NOONG AKO E NASA GUBAT NG COTABATO.
SIGE NGA PO...
ETO... KAGATIN MO ITONG SANGA NG BAYABAS...
WHOA!

SHERMAN'S LAGOON
BY JIM TOOMEY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NOT BAD SO FAR.
MAYBE I'LL TRY A CUP. WHAT'S THE HOUSE SPECIALTY?
KENY
IRISH CREAM
MOCHA JAVA
SUMATRA
KONA
RIPPING OFF ITS CUSTOMERS.
I MEANT, WHAT TYPE OF COFFEE.
OH, RIGHT. TRY THE LAGOON BLEND.
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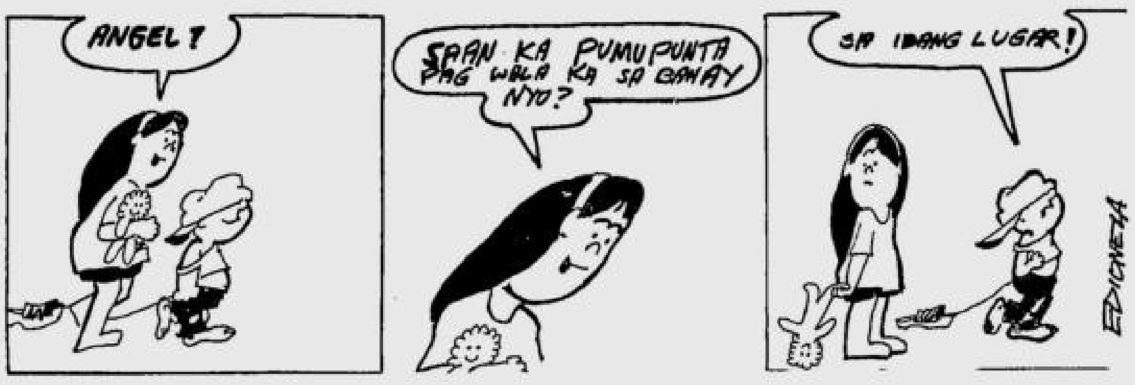
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EDIONELA

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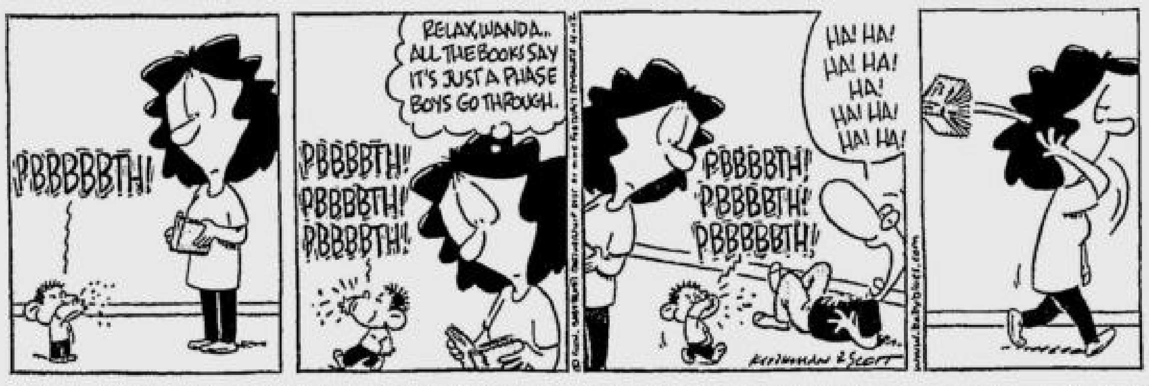
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KIRKMAN & SCOTT

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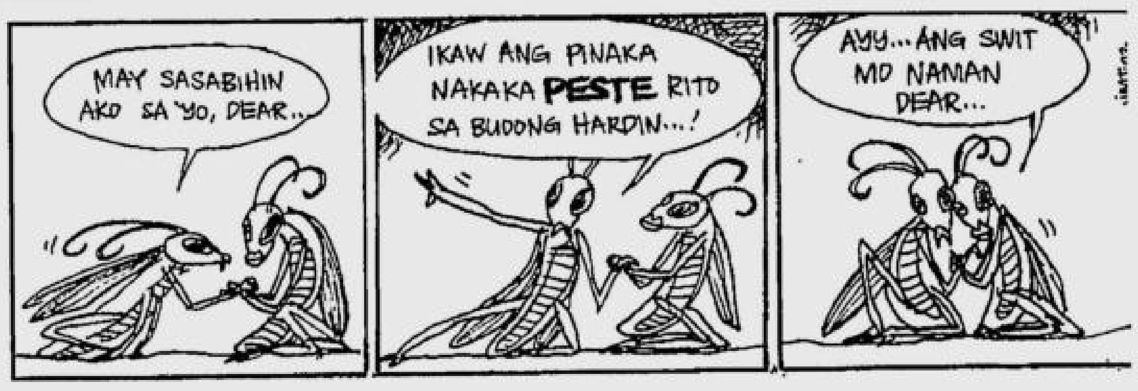
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AYY... ANG SWIT MO NAMAN DEAR...

HOROSCOPE
BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: David Letterman, Shannen Doherty, David Cassidy

Happy Birthday: You mustn't let personal problems interfere with your productivity this year. Daydreaming on the job will only get you into trouble. A problem with medication is likely so don't take any chances. Intellectual activity with friends, family and peers will be stimulating and rewarding. Your numbers are 5, 13, 26, 32, 41, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your fast response may get you into trouble especially if you don't have all the necessary information to answer properly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Although you can prosper today financially you are also likely to give your money away to a group or to someone who may not be worthy. Don't trust the people you work with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your involvement in a political party or an organization that deals with intellectual matters will entice you today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be prepared to accommodate whatever changes are required and you'll discover that others will be indebted to you for your courtesy. You may take on too much but help will only be an arm's length away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be looking for something spectacular to occupy your time today. You'll be very changeable and difficult for others to guess what you'll do next.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can expect to have problems with colleagues as well as friends today if you aren't willing to budge a little. If you compromise you will find yourself sitting in the perfect position to move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Turn any tension you may be feeling into a romantic encounter. If you are already in a relationship plan something special for two. If you aren't, get out and have some fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow your gut feelings. Matters pertaining to work will turn out in your favor. Your spirit of adventure coupled with your ability to work hard will bring terrific results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be in a fun-loving mood. Romance is evident if you are spontaneous but use discrimination. Concentrate on friendships, not courtships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may not be too easy to deal with at an emotional level today. You may try to lose yourself in the crowd by attending large events. It's best to face any issues head on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good conversation coupled with a little adventure will be satisfying. Travel should be on your agenda even if you only have time for a short trip. Watch your spending habits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Over-indulgence may be fun initially but you will have regrets. Do not take on too much or promise things that are next to impossible. Think before you make offers.

Birthday Baby: You are disciplined in your approach to life. You are terrific at doing things in a secretive manner. These little ones are quite willing to help those in need, but you are also practical when it comes to giving to others.

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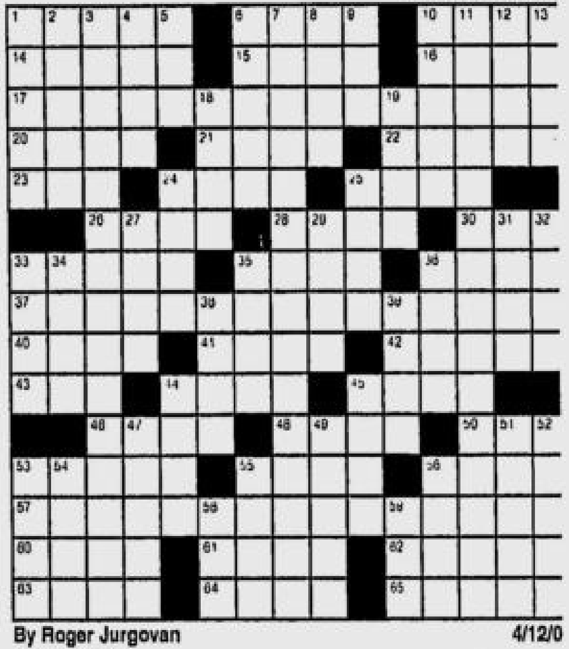

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6 "My Friend __"
10 Put-up job
14 Hosni's predecessor
15 Clock face
16 Dynamic beginning?
17 With 37A, this puzzle's theme
20 Conventional wisdom
21 Profligate
22 Crude
23 Aged
24 __ over (study)
25 Pod pals?
26 Egg
28 Altar vows
30 Horned viper
33 Stereos
35 '60s hairstyle
36 Cap on a cane
37 See 17A
40 Amateur sports org.
41 Bound forward
42 Parts
43 Waterway barrier
44 Grace ending
45 Weep noisily
46 Elevator man
48 June 6, 1944
50 Oriental sash
53 Bowed
55 Offed
56 Castor or Pollux
57 Battle imaginary enemies
60 Above
61 St. Louis eleven
62 Bathysphere explorer
63 City near Phoenix
64 French cleric
65 Specialized vocabulary

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1 Cellist Casals
2 Register: var.
3 Impending danger
4 Docile
5 __ Lanka
6 Paradigm
7 Put everything on the line
8 Medieval weapon
9 Everyone
10 Pelvic bones
11 That man can drink!
12 God of war
13 Velvety flora
18 Percussion instrument
19 Chills
24 Has to
25 Combine
27 Passport endorsement
29 Let go of
31 Irritated
32 Ballpoints
33 Dealer's delivery
34 Early Peruvian
35 Toward shelter
36 Flat-bottomed boat
38 Charity
39 Cart used for haulage
44 Verdi opera
45 Madam
47 Aquarium favorite
49 Thick
51 "The Hobbit" character
52 Picture in picture
53 Molecule building block
54 Cleave
55 Mop
56 Level
58 Refrain start
59 Wharton deg.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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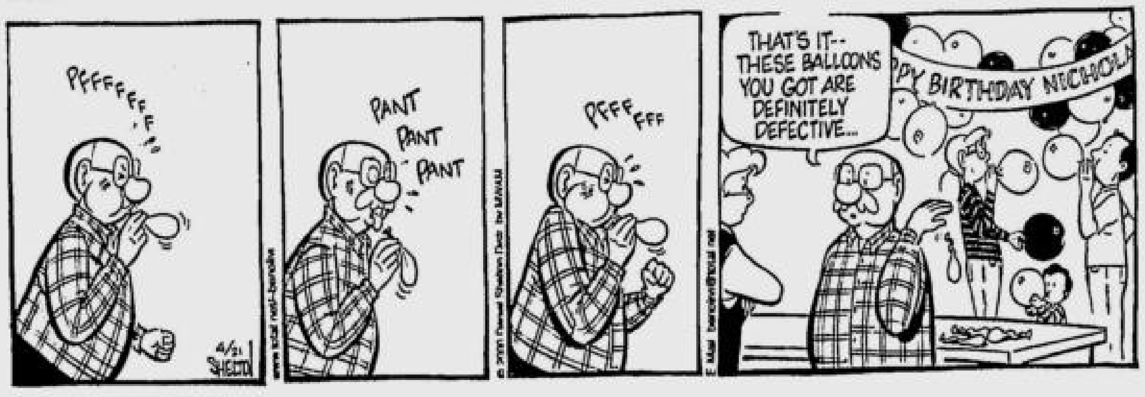
PFFFFFFFF
PANT PANT PANT
PFFFFFF
THAT'S IT-- THESE BALLOONS YOU GOT ARE DEFINITELY DEFECTIVE...
PY BIRTHDAY NICHOLA
4/21 SHELTON

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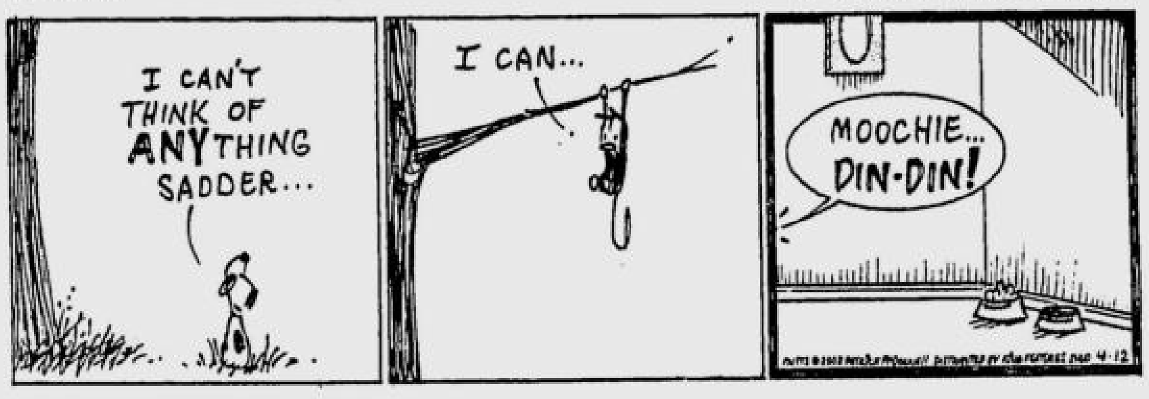
BY PATRICK McDONNELL


I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING SADDER...
I CAN...
MOOCHIE... DIN-DIN!
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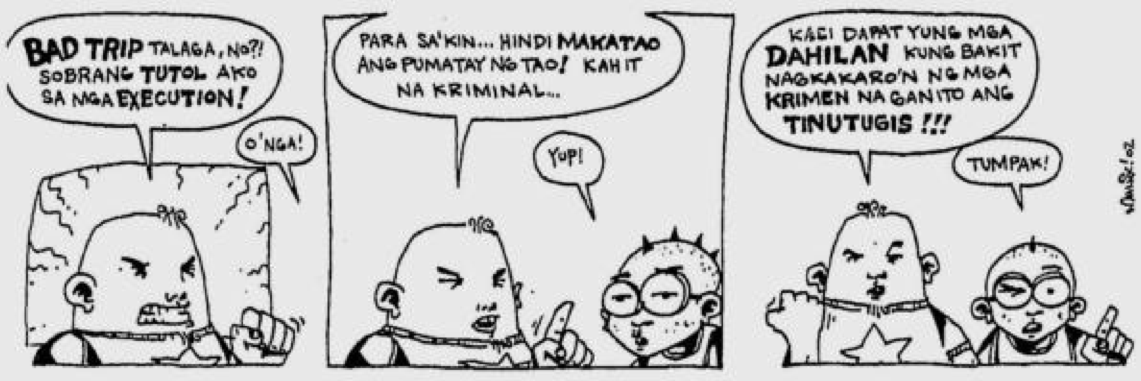
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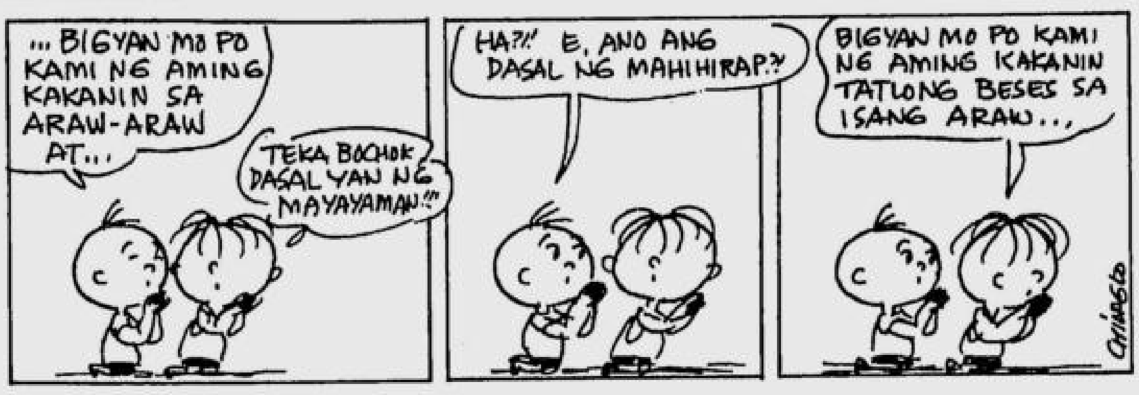
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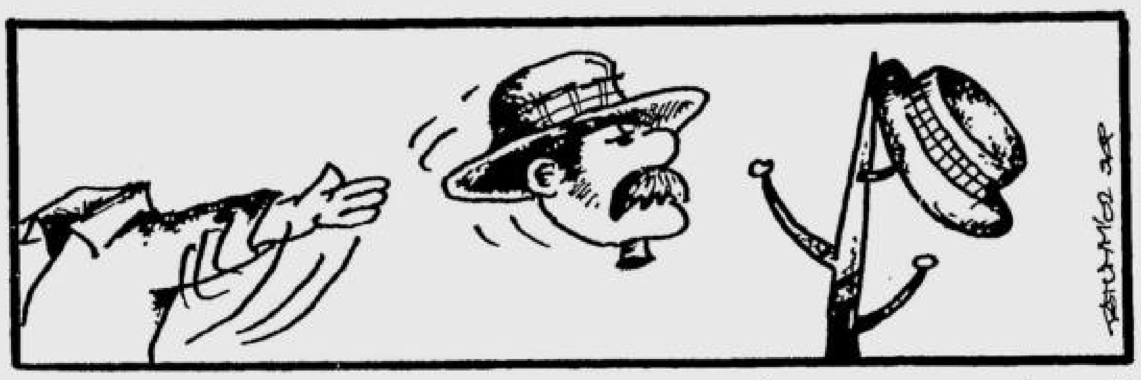


GOINGS-ON

Malate school class of '77 marks silver jubilee

THE HIGH school class of 1977 of the Malate Catholic School celebrates its silver jubilee with a grand reunion party tomorrow at the Makati Skyline Restaurant, 2/F World Trade Center, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Call 729-9071 (Nerie), 926-2276 (Susan Lacson) or 841-8181 local 2513 (Lizzie Froilan).

CONVENTION. The Reading Association of the Phils. will hold its annual convention at the Ateneo Grade School Auditorium on April 20 and 21. Call Patria Cordero at 823-5077.

WORKSHOP. Dance Forum is conducting a summer workshop April 15 to May 15, 9-11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. The workshop offers Classical Vocabulary for the Contemporary Body and Movement Laboratory. It is open to individuals from 12 years old. Call Donna at (0917) 996-4339 or Kit at (0917) 836-5591.

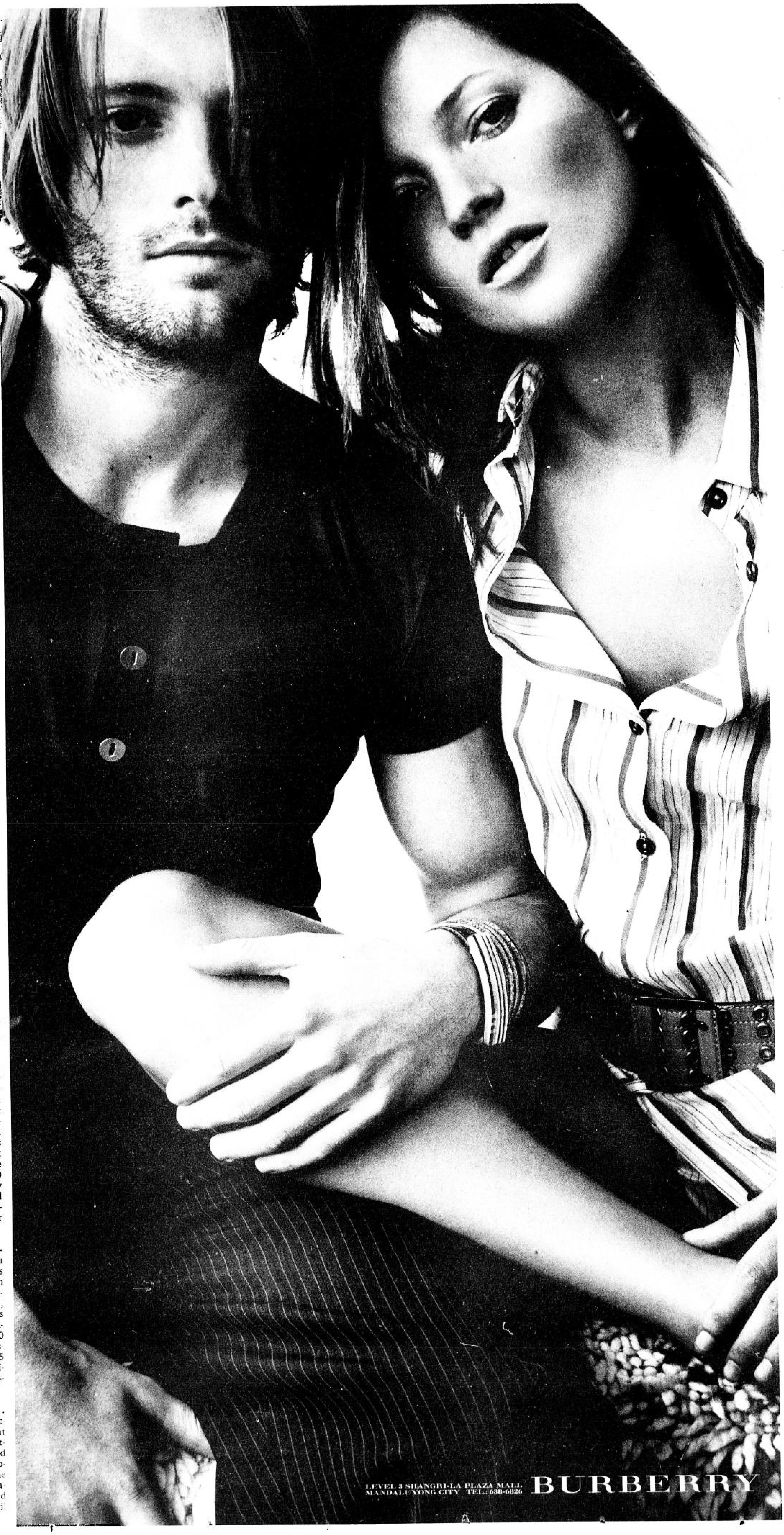
BAZAAR. Karl Edward Int'l. presents "Summer Treasure" bazaar tomorrow and on April 14 at the NBC Tent. It will feature local and imported items, ranging from toys and educational books for kids, the latest apparel for Mom and Dad, pop gadgets for teens, and leather goods, fine wine, home necessities and recreational equipment for every member of the family, all at rock-bottom prices.

ACTIVITY. The Grade School Department of St. Scholastica's College, Manila will again host a Peace Congress April 15-19. Students from the different members of the Association of Benedictine Schools will troop to SSC to be immersed in the theme "Peace and the Child: Learning the Ways of Peace." Call 524-7686 to -89 local 499.

HOMECOMING. The Maria Montessori Children's School Foundation Inc. is holding its first grand alumni homecoming tomorrow, in celebration of its 30th anniversary. It will be held at the school grounds at 50 Williams St., Pasay City, 5:30 p.m. Call Tess or Medy at 831-0561, 551-7903 or 833-2441.

SPEECH WORKSHOP. The Manila Bay Toastmasters Club No. 1088-75, an affiliate of Toastmasters International, USA, will hold a series of Speechcraft workshops April 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Casino Español de Manila, 885 T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila. Call 714-6650.

WORKSHOP. Twenty young writers from different high schools will attend the Teen Read Camp at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay. Teen Read Camp will run April 15-20.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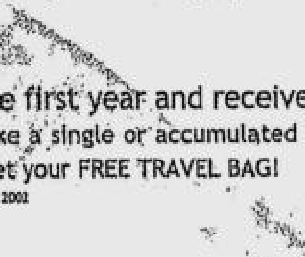

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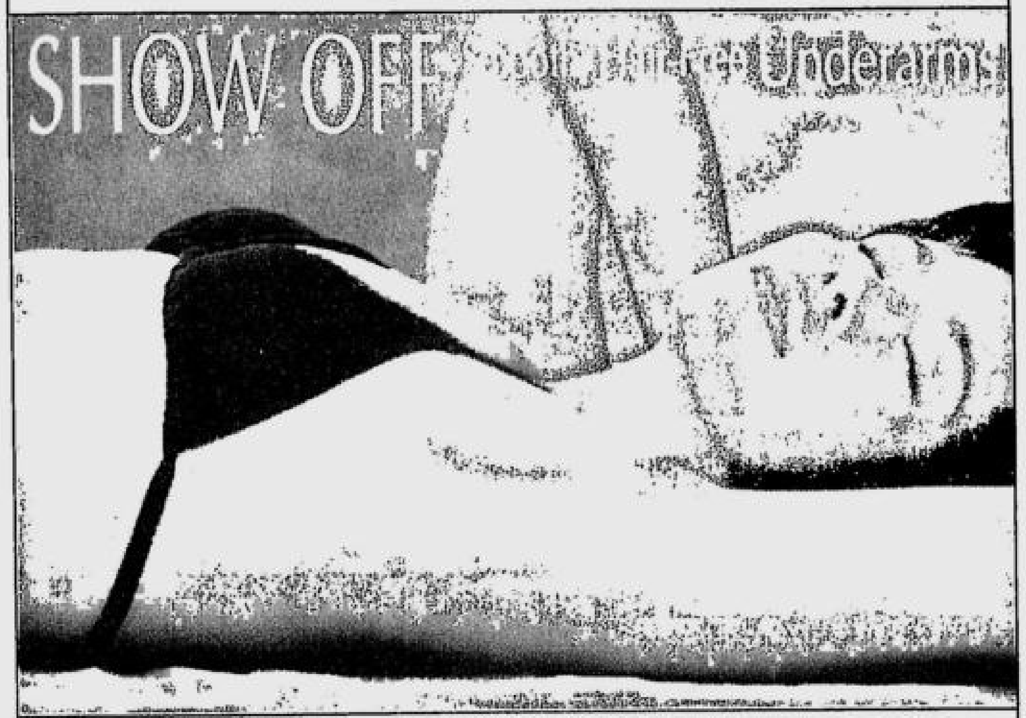

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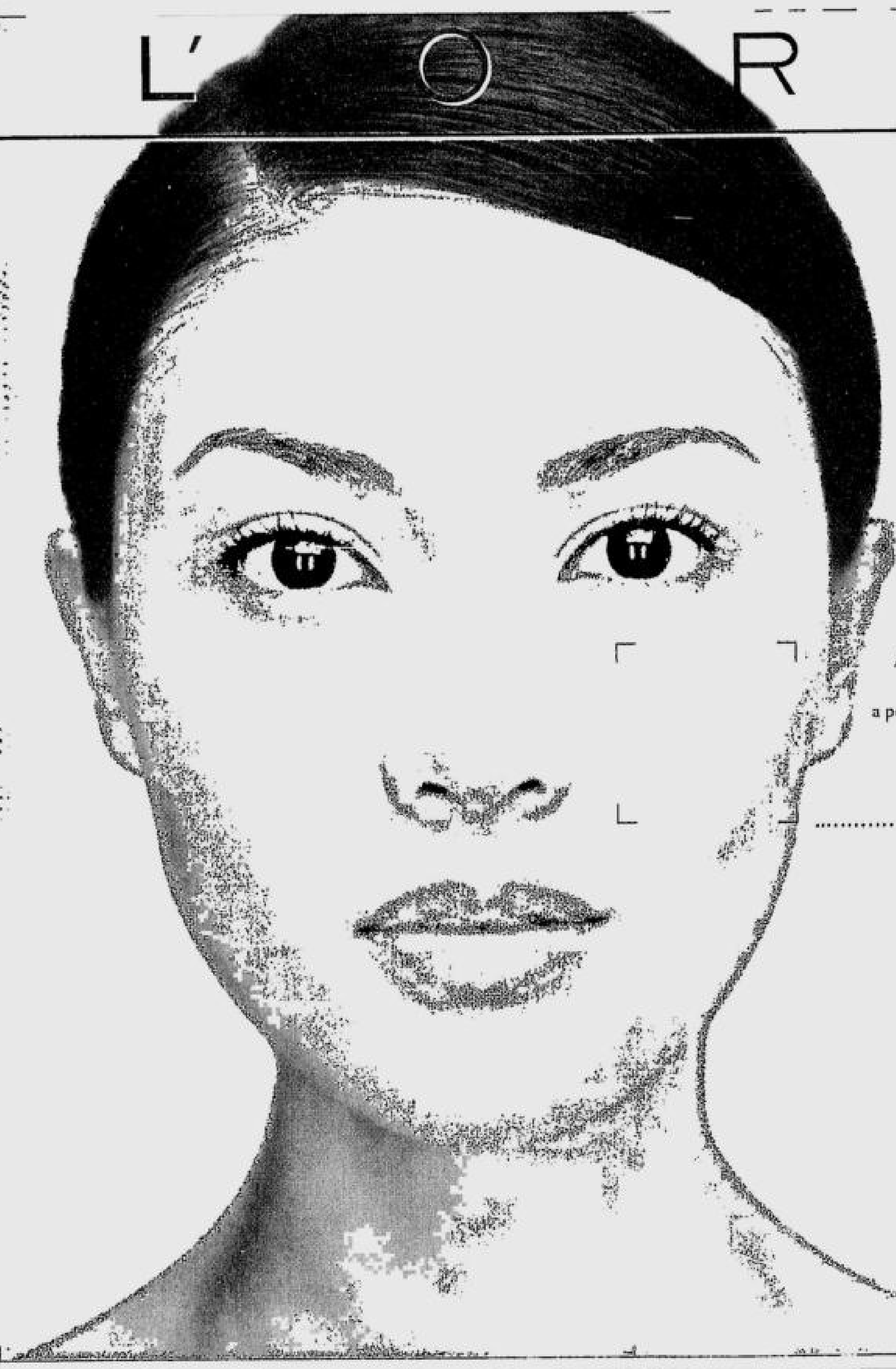

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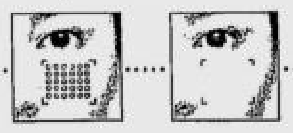

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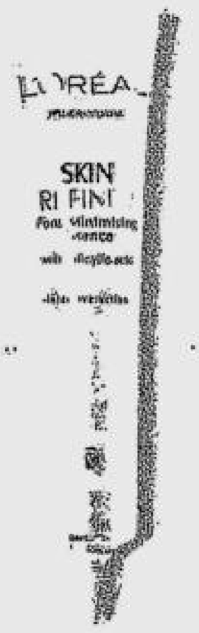

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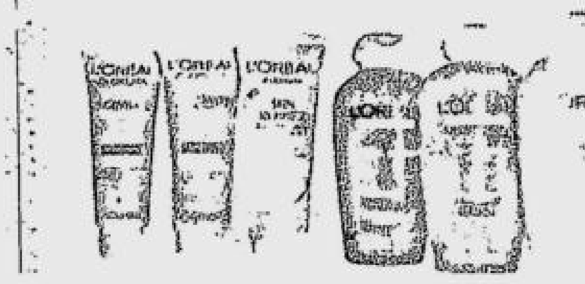

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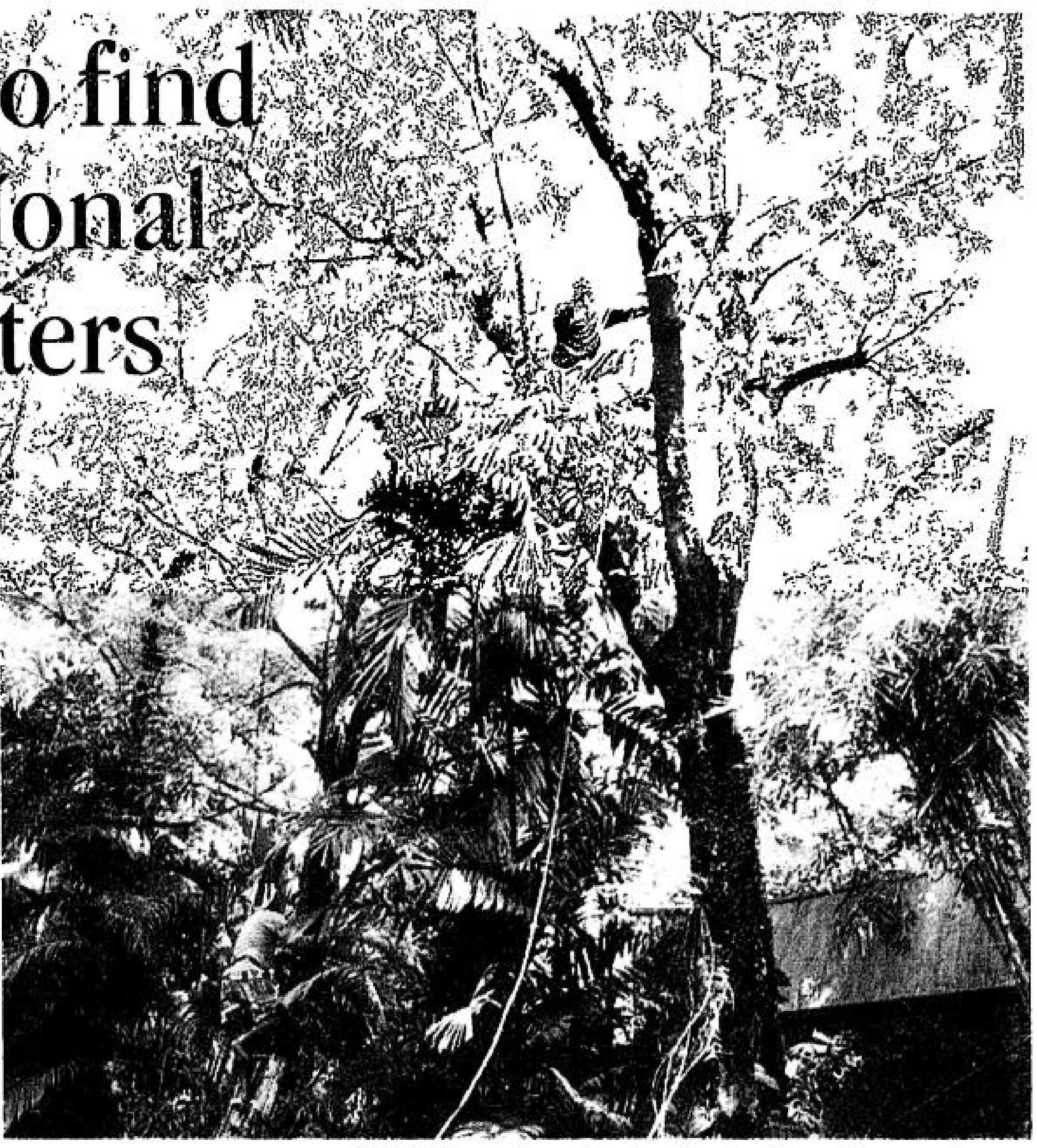
Where to find professional tree cutters

Irresponsible pruning of trees is dangerous. It can kill a tree. It can also kill

By Tita V. Giron



CORRECT pruning will make a tree healthy and improve the landscape.

FINDING a professional tree pruner in town is as difficult as searching for the proverbial needle in a haystack. The only tree hacker we found in the telephone directory offered service only to subdivisions and resorts, not to homeowners with one or two trees to cut.

We did not call Meralco's tree cutters because of a past bad experience. Evidently untrained, the tree cutter hacked and sawed without rhyme and reason through branches of our tree. The virtual epitome of the tree hugger's mortal enemy, he wielded a powerful chainsaw and wore shoes with spurs that stabbed the tree trunk. What's more, his crew just dumped the trimmed branches on the road.

Letters from homeowners inquiring about tree cutters led us to Manila Seedling Bank where we found professional tree pruner Ben Malto. He is, what is known in the landscaping field, an arborist. It's a rare profession here and abroad, and he is a rare find, more especially because he is also a trauma surgeon for trees. Malto is a forestry graduate of UP Los Baños with training in timber management.

Tips on pruning

"You don't just prune trees without reason. Irresponsible pruning can be dangerous. It could kill a tree, or the tree could kill. It could crash or smash a roof during windy days or lean heavily to one side," the arborist warned.

Malto's basic pruning rules boiled down to cutting branches at right points and removing useless parts. He recommended cutting branches that were useless, diseased, obstructions or hazards, and out of sync with the tree's symmetry.

Pruning is actually being kind to trees, he explained. It makes a tree healthy and improves the landscape, he added. He and his crew always cover cut portions of the tree with a special sealing paint. According to him, it seals the wound and prevents infection.

Here are some tips from the tree specialist:

- Remove suckers (or useless growths) at the base of the trunk or on the branches.
- Don't hesitate to prune branches that cross each other.
- Thin out branches that hang close to the ground and branches that touch the house.
- Remove dead parts of the tree.
- Sterilize pruning tools and avoid cutting diseased trees when it is wet to prevent the spread of infection.

Tree services

In addition to pruning and doctoring trees, the Manila Seedling Bank offers various tree-related services. Malto is in charge of services that include, among others, reforestation, tree planting at private properties, urban forestry, landscaping and sale of trees.

Some of these projects include contract reforestation at La Mesa watershed and various tree planting at private properties in Tanay, Bulacan and Batangas. Customers include Viva Entertainment boss Vic del Rosario, Secretary Hernando Perez and Delfin de Dios.

By the way, Malto disclosed that nobody could cut a tree without first getting clearance from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. A DENR representative has to inspect the tree to determine if there is a need to cut it down.

For every tree that goes down, the owner is expected to donate a tree to reforestation and tree planting projects. Otherwise, the owner can plant a tree in his property for every tree that is cut down.

Malto announced that the garden and florist market at Manila Seedling Bank is currently expanding to include organic vegetable and herbal gardens, a rare plants section, also a weekend market for agricultural products. And with the recent closure of Farmers Garden in Araneta shopping center, the displaced plant sellers are moving to the seedling bank, he added.

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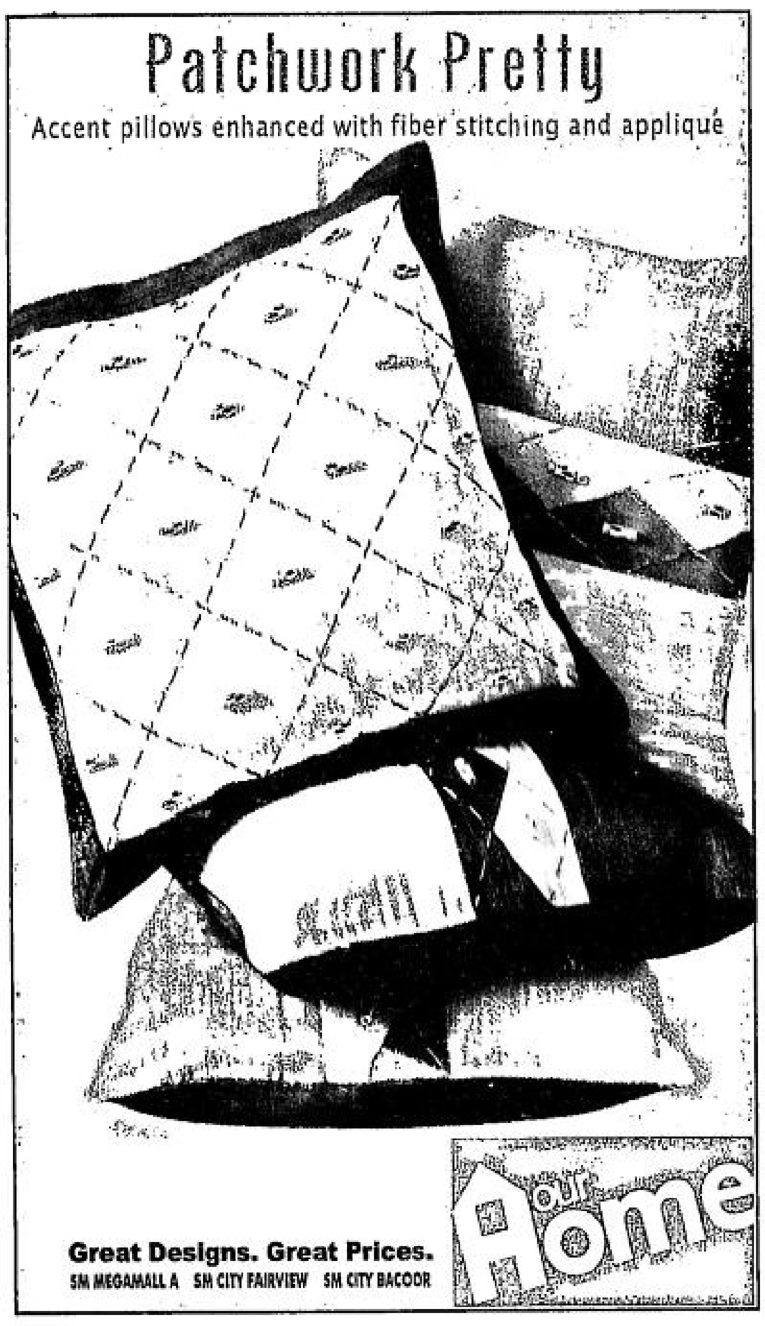
A PROFESSIONAL tree pruner is a rarity in the Philippines.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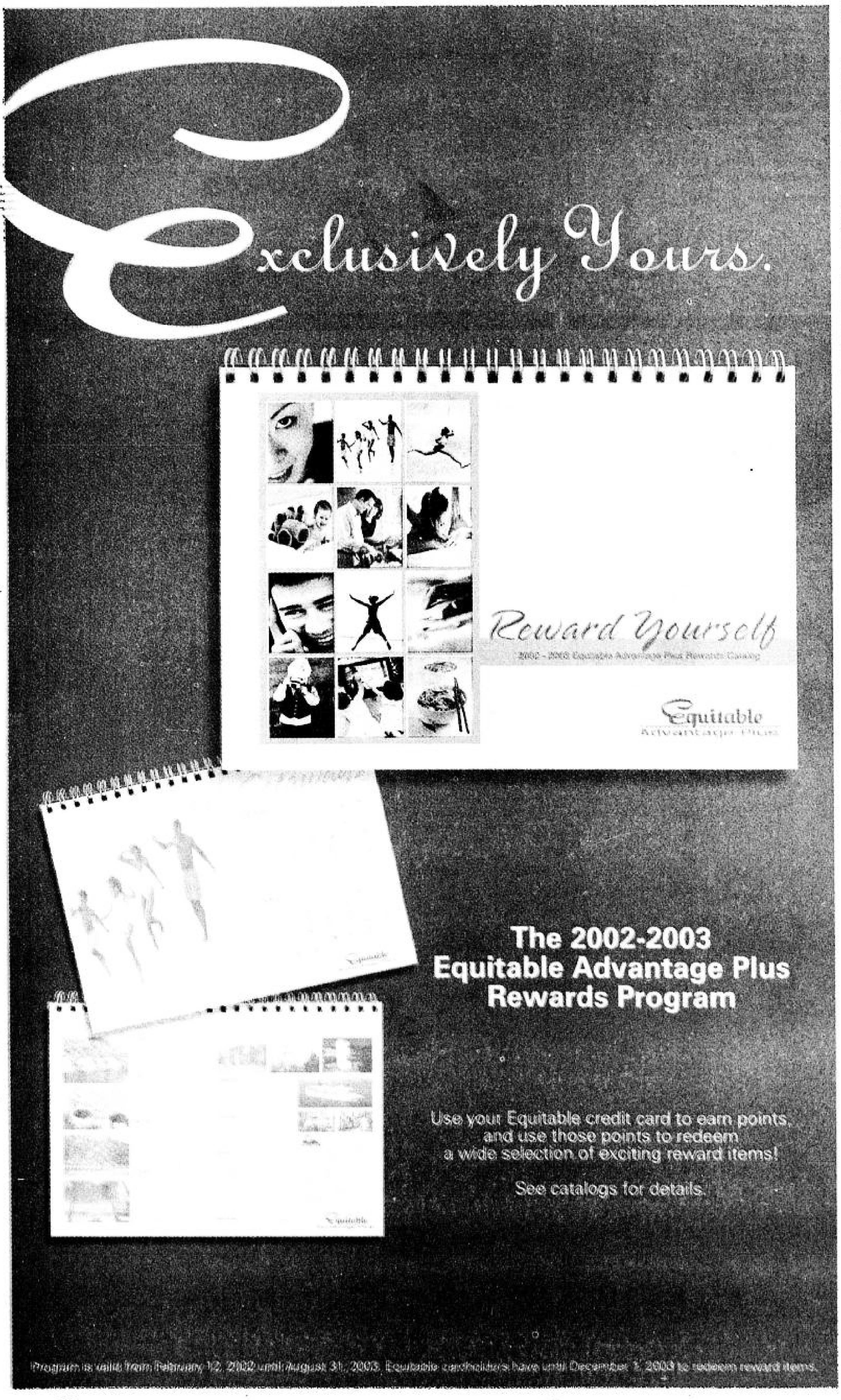

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Going nature's way with Odette

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

IF you're looking for a good way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, you could start by learning Odette Alcantara's Nature's Way. That is what she calls the waste management system she advocates, which simply means: segregate your waste.

"The task at hand," she says, "is preventing waste from becoming garbage."

For if waste is properly managed, not only will there be no garbage, but also no landfills, no enormous stink in our towns and cities.

For Odette, the presence of landfills, as cited in the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (RA 9003), only indicates a lack of faith in proper waste management, which calls for materials recovery for composting and recycling in every barangay. A system like this could supplant the old *hakot-tambak* (collect and dump) method now being practiced.

Waste management and garbage disposal are two different things, Odette stresses. Management is simply putting wastes in their rightful places, and these are: back to Mother Earth (composting) and back to Father Factory (recycling, reusing).

She has written a Blue Print for Integrated Solid Waste Management, which is simply, she says, a "Basura Reform Program." She is not distributing the paper but she offers free workshops for those interested in waste management. She can even conduct the workshop by phone if commuting is a problem.

'Gaya-gaya' system

In her Blue Print, Odette states that waste management programs should start from the barangay level. If the program works there, it will be easy to duplicate it all over the country in a *gaya-gaya* system. This process would eliminate the need for provincial or national management bureaus as proposed in the Act.

Odette's Blue Print calls for the creation as soon as possible of a *basura*-free landscape. This can be done by intensive composting and total recycling so as to render landfills completely unnecessary.

People must take on the responsibility, even the moral imperative, of the job. Every person, every household, institution, community is responsible for the waste it generates.

She suggests that activities be kept simple by segregating at source, by utilizing local manpower and suitable equipment, and by integrating activities as much as possible.

Mother Earth Unlimited

Odette is a founding member and chair of the Special Projects Committee of Mother Earth Unlimited where she is also training director for solid waste management. Her training center is located at her courtyard in Blue Ridge, QC. For more inquiries, call 647-11-81.

Earth Day is recycling day

Here's another good way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22. If you have recyclable materials like paper, used electronic items, car batteries, PET (for polyethylene terephthalate), bottles and aluminum cans, bring them to the Goldcrest Carpark, West Drive corner Arnaiz Avenue, Ayala Center, where these items will be redeemed by participating companies starting at 9:20 a.m.

The activity is organized by the Philippine Business for the Environment with Ayala Foundation Inc., Ayala Center and UNDP-Prime. The companies and the list of items they will redeem are:

HMR Group of Companies—old electronic items and office furniture;

Philippine Recyclers Inc.—used car batteries;

Tipco—used paper;

Coca-Cola Bottlers Phil. Inc.—PET bottles and aluminum cans.

In Dagupan City, Earth Day activities will be held at Tondaligan Beach. The main event will be a sandcastle-building contest. In keeping with the theme, "Save the Earth," the contest will require the use of recyclables like Coca-Cola PET bottles and aluminum cans. Participants will be divided into teams. Winners get cash prizes.

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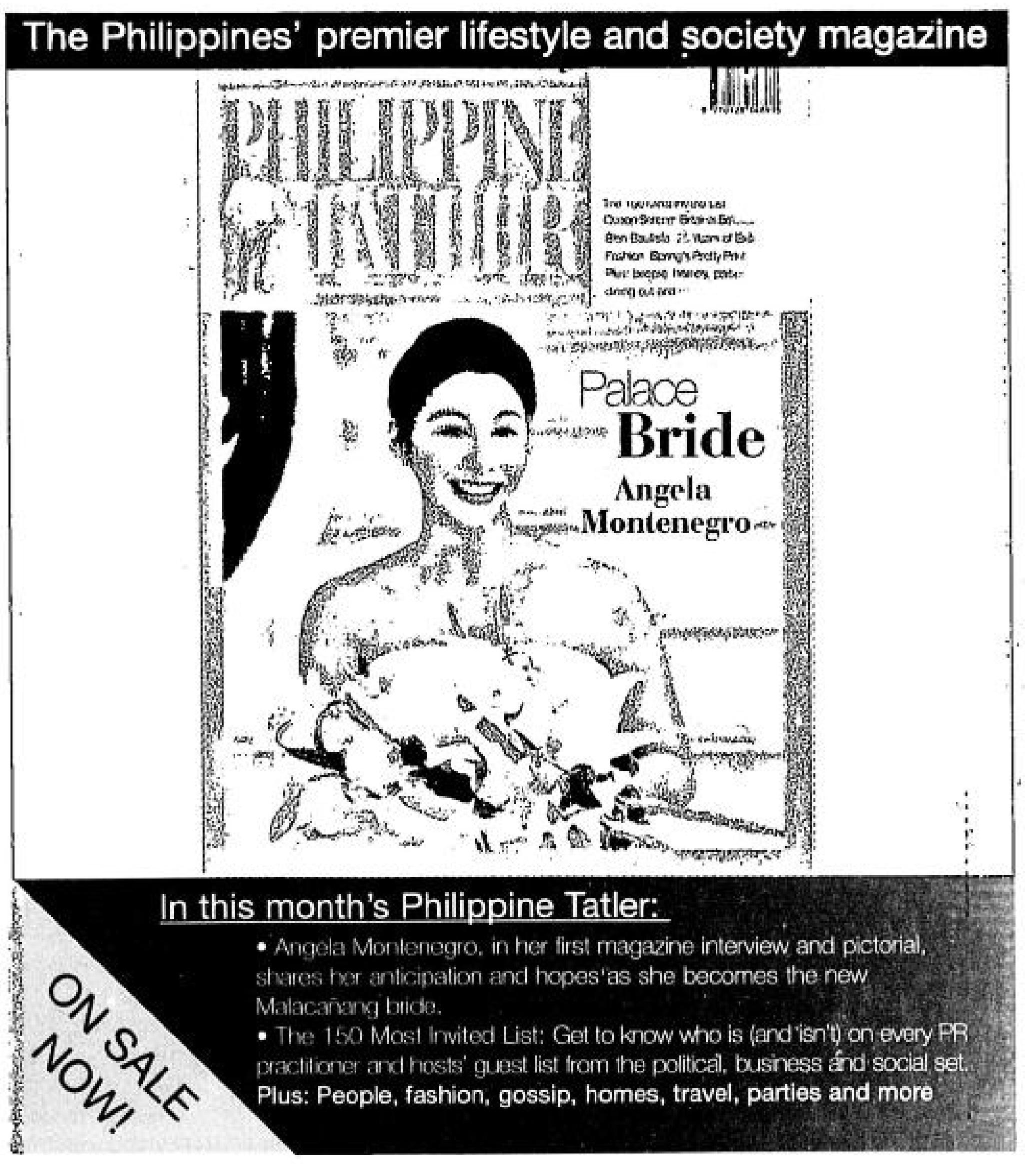

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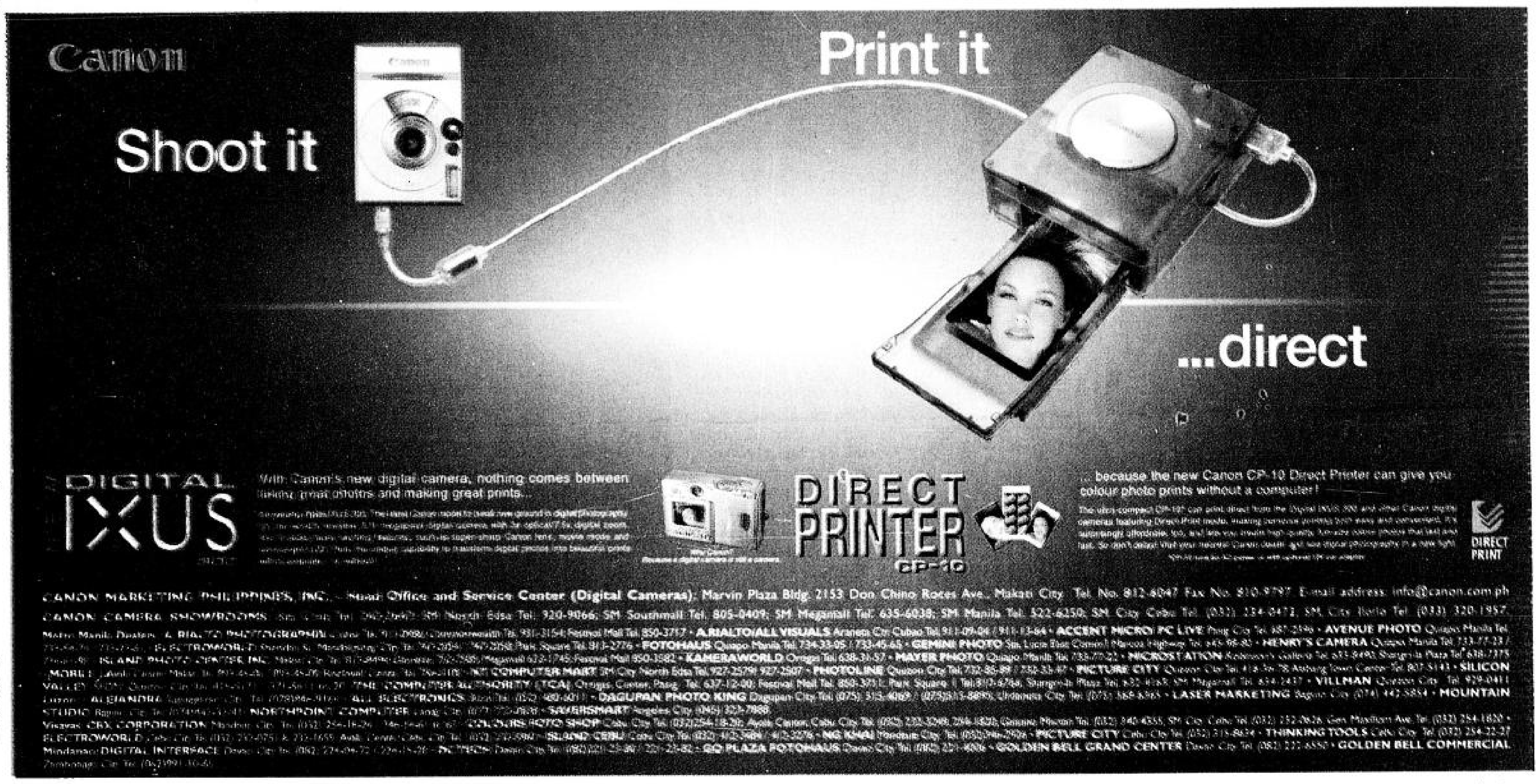

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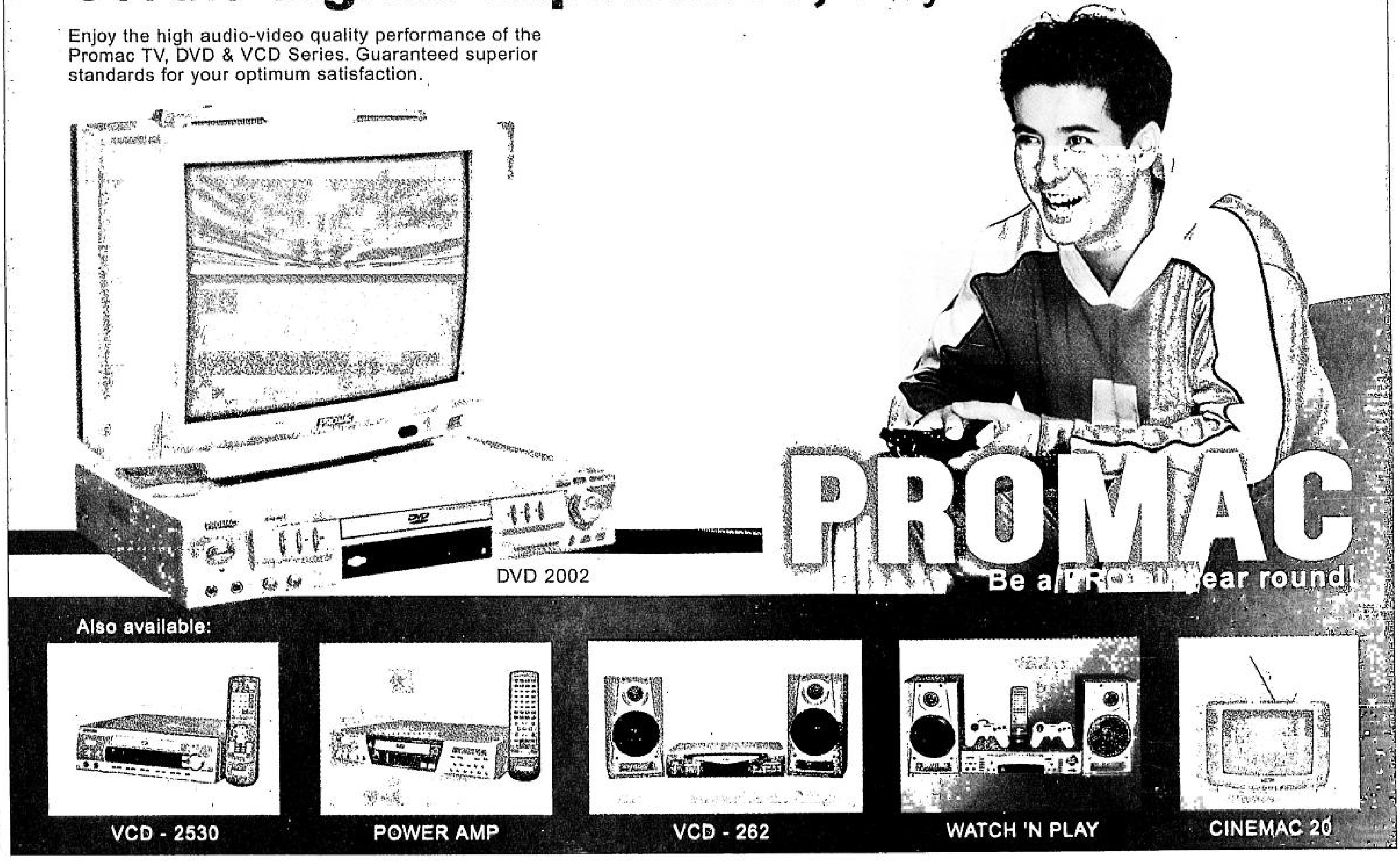


THE LIVING room has minimalist details, such as the wall depression for artworks, and window seating.

English architect who co-designed the Peninsula Manila is introducing a new status symbol in Boracay

View to *thrill*

By Marge C. Enriquez
Photos by Patrick Uy

RESIDENCE in Boracay is a privilege of the affluent Filipino and an enterprise to the expatriate. But although it may still be romantic to wake up to the sounds of the ocean, and watch the waves create margins on the shore like long lace curtains, it has become less and less wise to build along the world-renowned beachfront. In fact, it could now mean living amid karaoke bars and stray dogs.

Architect Michael Batchelor, the Englishman who co-designed the Peninsula Manila, has found and is now introducing a new status symbol—the house on the hill. He is developing Sunrise Cove Ocean Villas, literally on the high end of the eastern side of Boracay's white beach. The 850-sq-m property, which is 25 feet above sea level, can hold at least 10 homes.

Seclusion

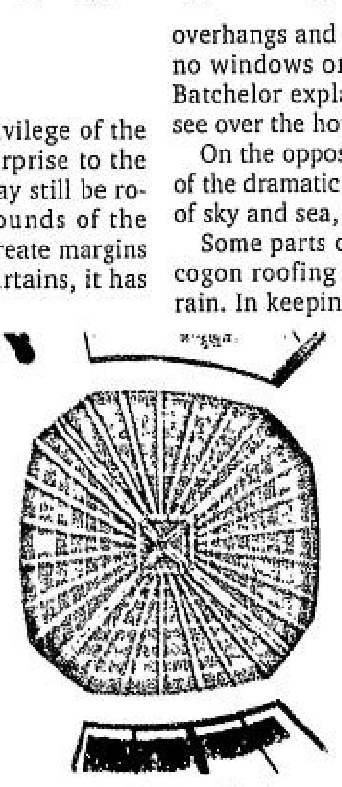
Batchelor explains that the east side, where wind surfers go, is ideal for foreigners who insist on privacy, security and uninterrupted view. He compares Boracay's overcrowded and commercial beachfront to Waikiki: real estate prices start at P20,000 per sq m. There's no way to go but up on the hills, where the land costs P8,000 per sq m. The homeowner can enjoy his retreat and come down to the beachfront when he feels like it.

"The property is designed to make you feel as if you were in a resort. It's not like you're in Alabang. The architecture takes advantage of the fabulous ocean view," says Batchelor.

The 220-sq-m model unit is a mixture of Mediterranean elements, such as white-washed walls to reflect the sunlight, alcoves for artworks, and Asian touches such as overhangs and thatched roofing. There are no windows on the side facing the slope. Batchelor explains, "Future neighbors can see over the house, but not into it."

On the opposite side is a prodigious view of the dramatic scenery that echoes the span of sky and sea, and palm-covered cliffs.

Some parts of the house have metal and cogon roofing as shield against wind and rain. In keeping with the tropical environment, the rooftop and ceilings are covered with cogon and bamboo, which are bound securely. Generous overhangs protect the house from sun and rain.



THE THATCHED ceiling is waterproof.

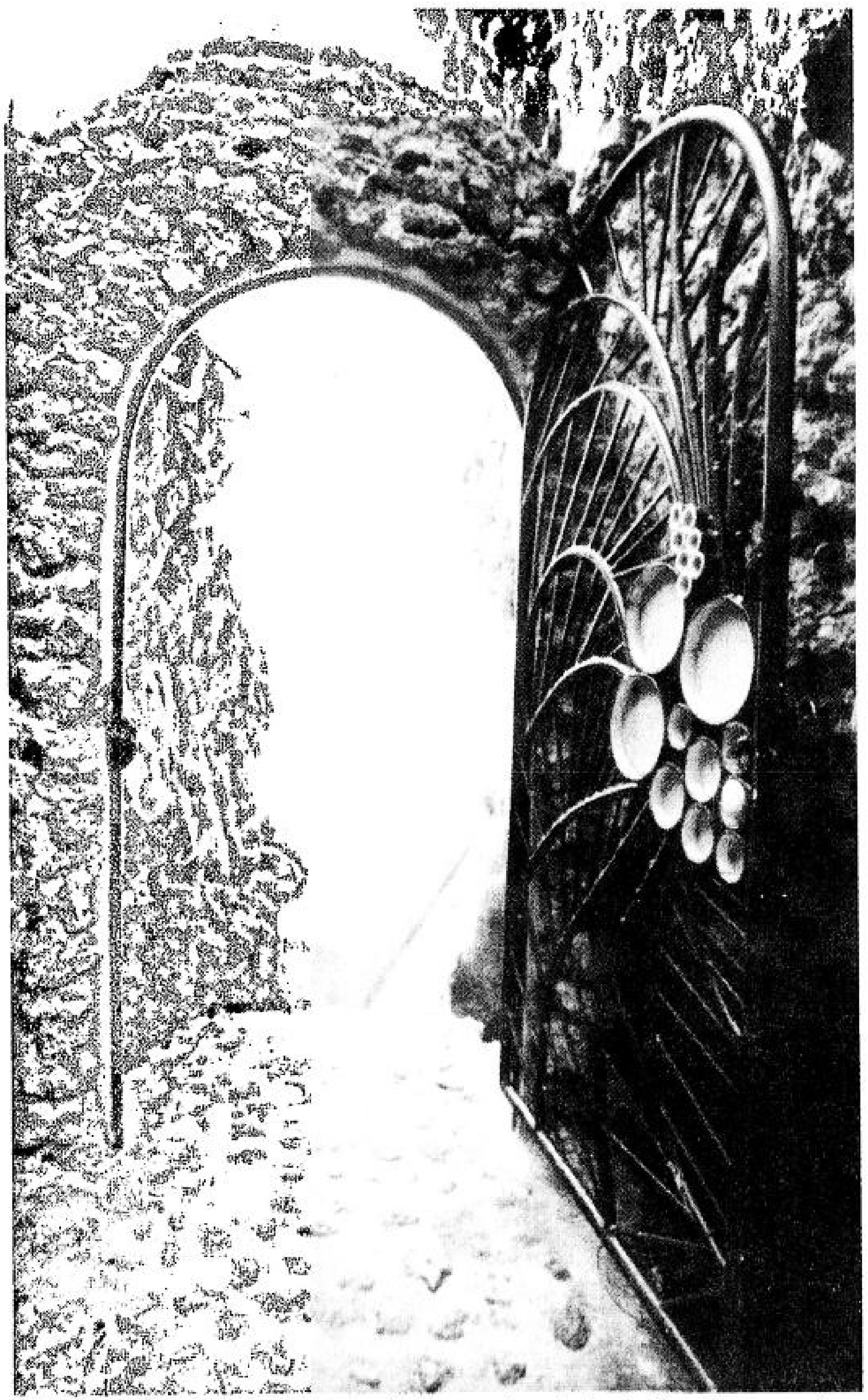
Quality community

The guestroom is at such a distance from the living room and dining area, that a respectable space between the visitors and the homeowner is maintained. Aside from a queen-size bed, the window seat can be transformed into a sleeping berth for children. Maids stay in the staff house.

Batchelor came to Manila in 1976 to help design the Peninsula in time for the International Monetary Fund conference. He has worked with local architects all over Asia, to build resorts and hotels such as the Grand Hyatt in Bali and the Shangri-La in Singapore. Weary of Manila traffic, he moved to Boracay and built a house close to Sun Village resort and Mandala Spa.

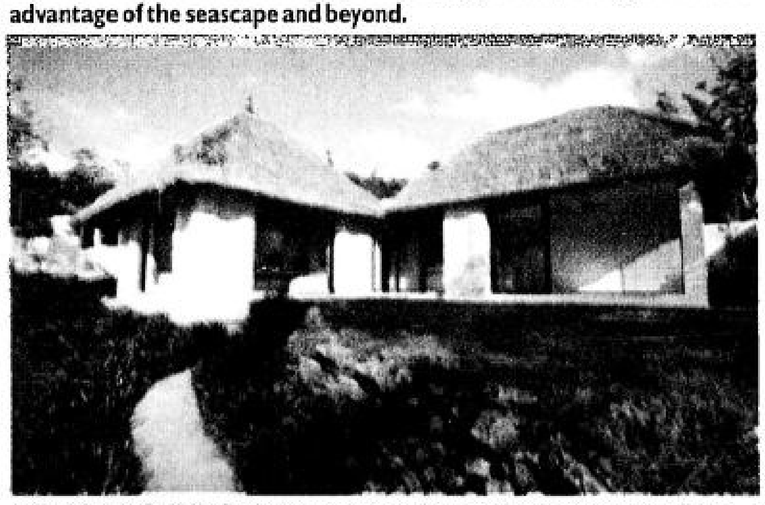
Sunrise Cove Ocean Villas is Batchelor's vision of a quality community that is in sync with the environment. He says he is not in a hurry to fill up the estate. Like a true Englishman, he'd rather work slowly and properly, to ensure good results.

Visit Michael Batchelor's website at boracayvillas.com or e-mail him at boracayvillas@hotmail.com

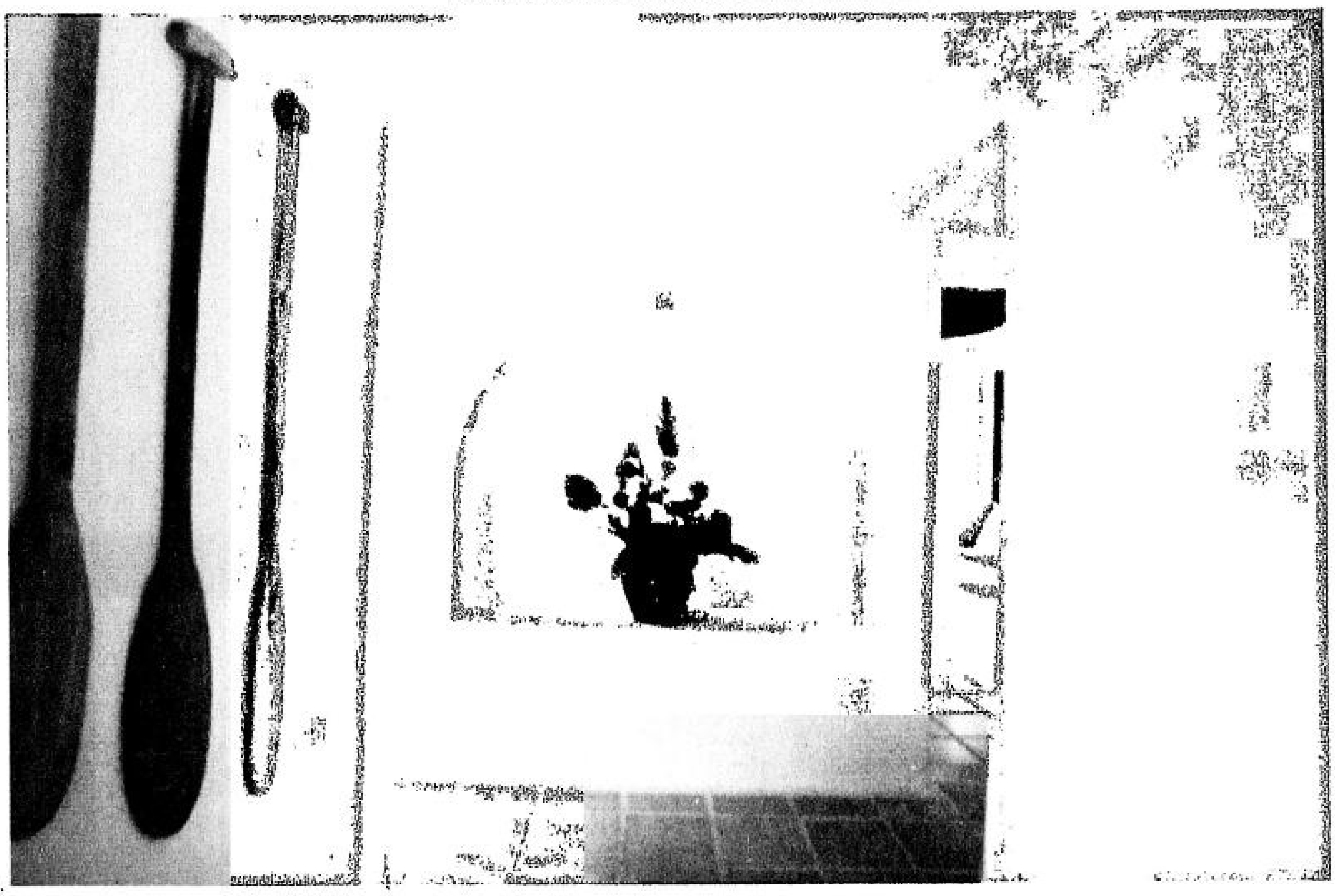


THE COCONUT tree design on the wrought iron gate draws inspiration from the surroundings. Riprap walls evoke the ambience of a mountain trench.

EVERY element of this contemporary living room is designed to take advantage of the seascape and beyond.



FLOOR-TO-CEILING windows on the other side of the house maximize the view of the beach.



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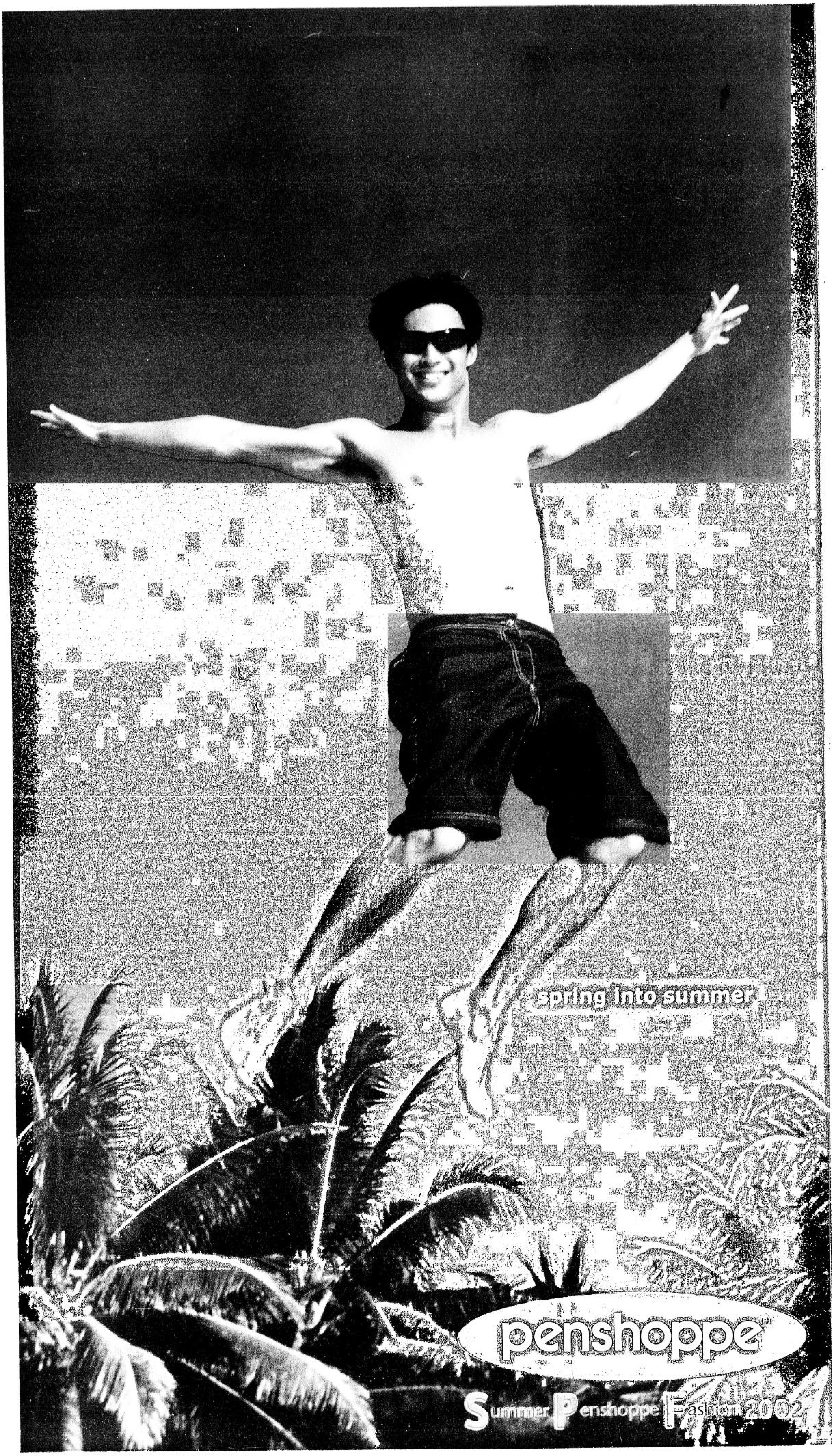
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THE COUCH shares a beige-colored wall with a painting as two lamps are displayed.

THE LIVING area and the sleeping zone are divided by a low partition in this junior bedroom. An L-shaped couch forms a segment for entertaining. On coffee tables are celadon bowls and platters holding an occasional accent piece.

Modernist edifice to modern living

Rockwell's Manansala Towers is a monument to the upwardly mobile and the bohemian—and then some

By Cathy Saldana-Nolido
Contributor
Photos by Bobot Meru

A COLLAGE of images—of trendsetters in fashion, of fine boutiques, of cozy crowds and familiar circles sipping cappuccinos on a cool evening, of glorious and quaint restaurants, of comforts and conveniences in an exclusively clustered development by a palm-fringed strip. Rockwell—the place and the experience, the condominiums and the shops, the people and the events—brings more than just images. The developers have now launched the new Manansala Towers, a fresh concept in residential design soon to rise in this community along the borders of Makati City.

The Rockwell tradition of naming its high-rise residential towers in honor of Filipino artists and icons continues. Thus, on the west side now stand the gleaming towers with their glass curtain walls tinted with different shades of green—the Luna Gardens, the Amorsolo Square, the Hidalgo Place and the Rizal Tower. This one honors Vicente Manansala, the post-war avant-garde modernist leader and the exponent of transparent cubism. Here on the eastern side of the property, The Manansala shall stand as a singular residential high-rise, with its two buildings, one slightly taller than the other, joined at the core. A landmark to behold, it is designed by architects Bong Recio and Meloy Casas, a gifted pair who further honed

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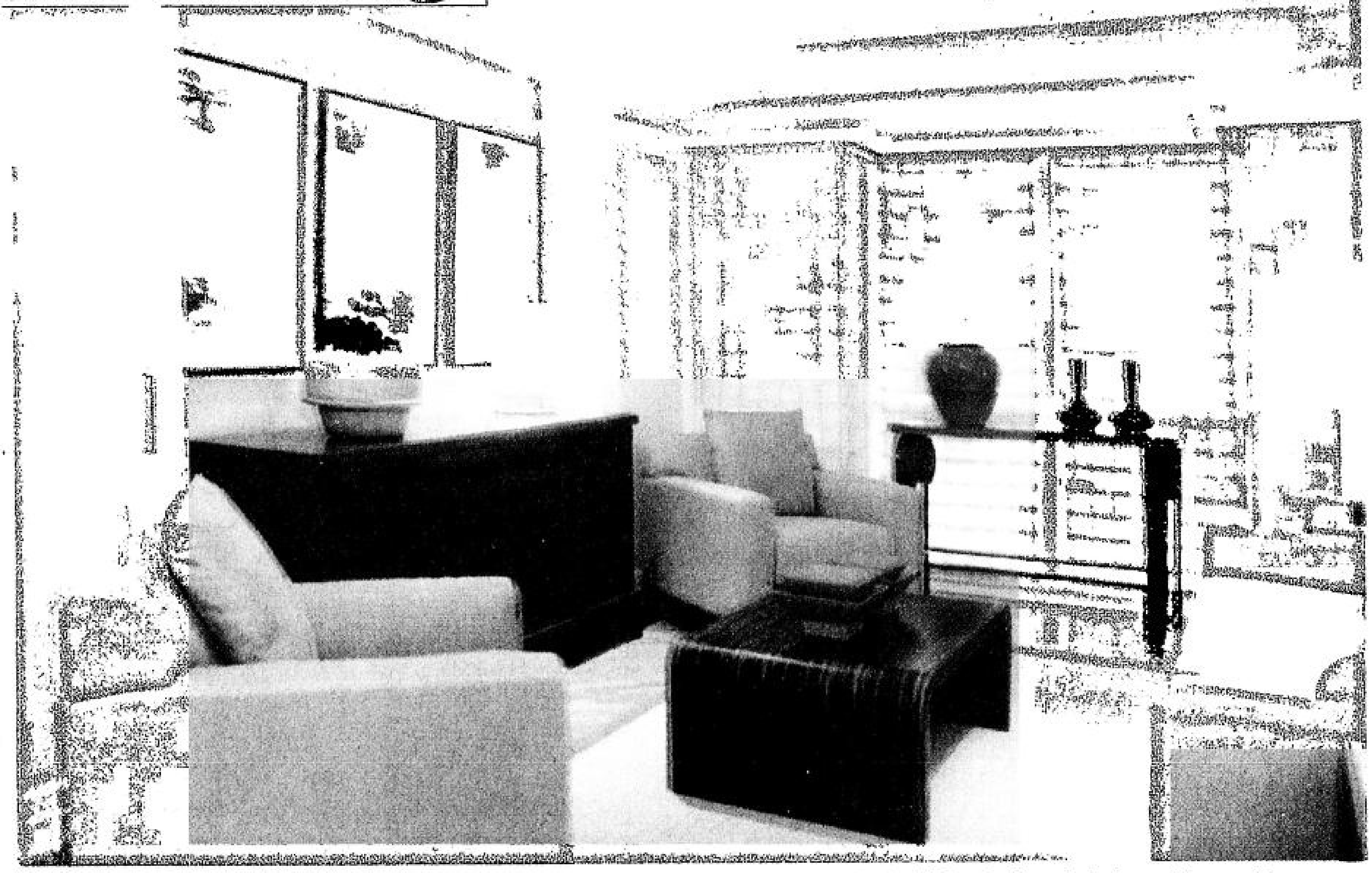
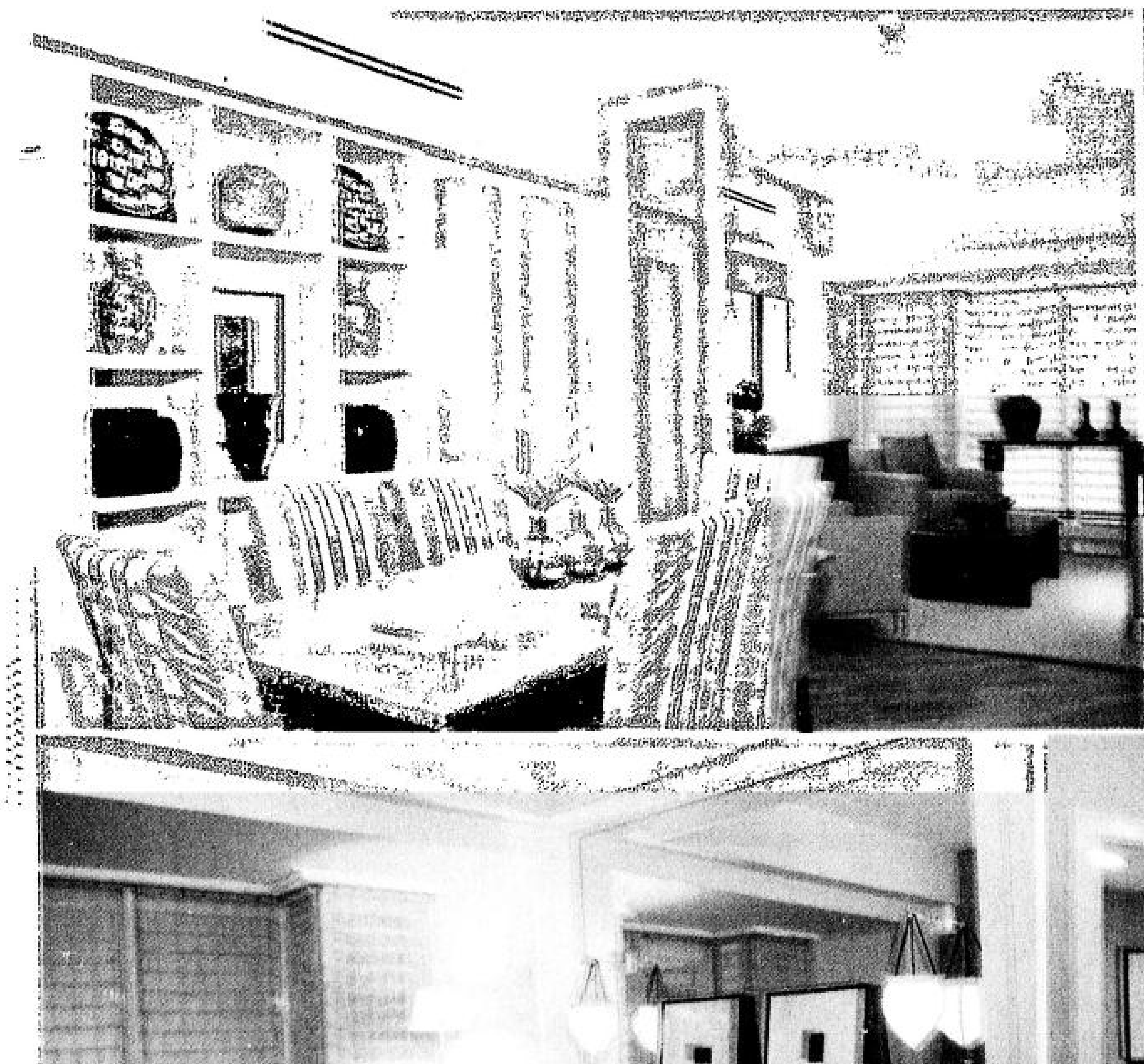
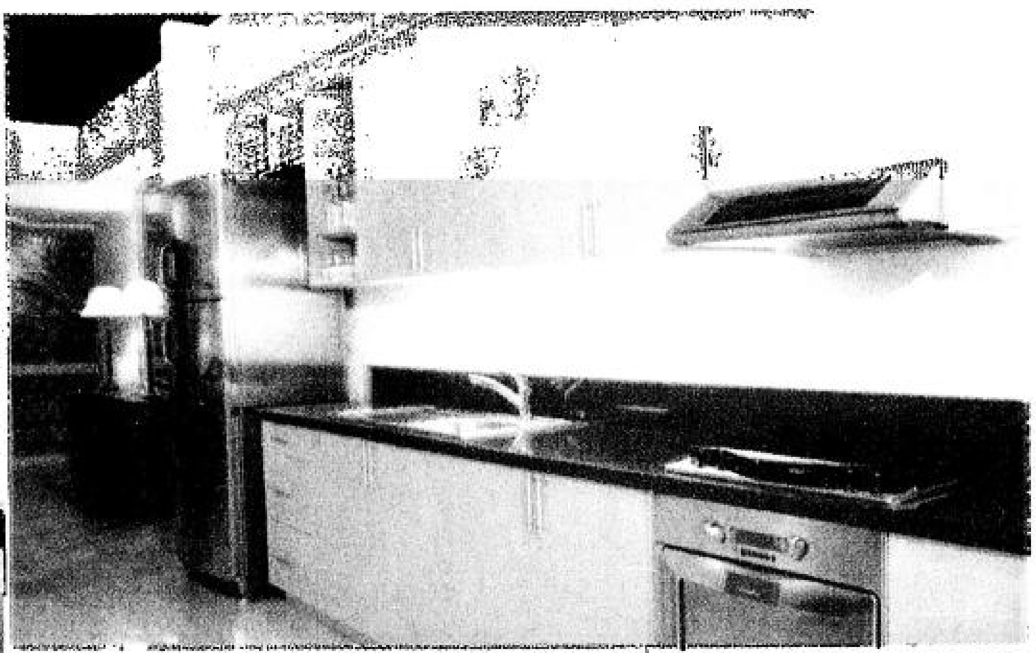


SOFT fabrics are layered in window shades and upholstery, governed by neutral shades and matched with fine furniture in dark wood flat varnishes.

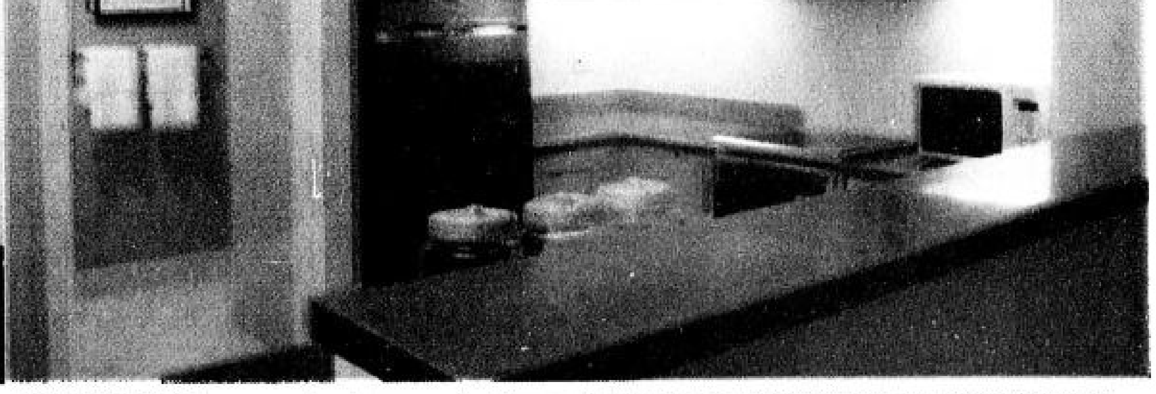




FROM A DIFFERENT vantage point one can appreciate the spaciousness of the units, planned not with odd corners and sharp angles but with the openness of genuinely Filipino spaces. The living and dining areas flow into each other.

THE COOKING, preparation and dishwashing space of the Junior One bedroom unit (a studio and a half) is laid out in one linear motion.

AS a mirror magically enlarges space, two art pieces are set against it. The bed is fitted with a duvet in rustic tones.



THE KITCHEN is compact and serene in this one-bedroom model unit, its space defined but not enclosed by a two-tiered counter and a duo of pendant lamps.

THE CHINESE lotus lantern inspired this lamp of distinction over the dining table good for four. Woven finishes are distinctly marked on the chairs. An old ceramic bowl provides a sensuous element on the dining table.

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their skills in high-rise design while practicing in Hong Kong for many years. Stone finishes on the façade and podium on the pedestrian level will strike a cutting contrast to the reflective glass windows.

Contemporary Asian

Fred Valdes, now based in California, conceptualized the interiors. The Grand Lobby is a testament to contemporary Asian. High ceilings and stately corridors recall the influences of Southeast Asia, in sleek, minimalist touches. Artwork, accents and interior character pulsate with that spirit. Filipino paintings are highlighted. Old Philippine *narra*, darker wood finishes and wicker on furniture enhance the excellent Filipino feel of the architecture. Through the synergy of textures and colors, in the space planning and in the delivery of services and courtesies, there is a distinct Asian (and truly Filipino) essence.

The image is extended further as Jay Lopez, Rockwell vice president, aims to attract young professionals, upscale artists, successful designers, architects, entrepreneurs and couples beginning their families. Amenities are many, with the Rockwell Club providing satellite club and gym facilities. There is spacious above-ground parking. On the 38th floor is a function room. On the topmost are a badminton court and a landscaped podium with a park and a swimming pool.

Well-planned

The units are well-planned, with options such as the Junior One bedroom, which is essentially a studio and a half. There also are studio units aside from the usual two- and three-bedroom spaces. The model units are now being visited by prospective buyers. There is excitement in seeing the celebration of our own furniture and antiques, tastefully showcased among the finest from Indonesia, Thailand and China.

In fact, the residence hopes to achieve that distinction borne by its two inspirational structures—the Dharmawangsa in Jakarta, Indonesia and the Sukhothai in Bangkok, Thailand: landmark sanctuaries and sources of cultural pride.

The Manansala thus takes form with that same characteristic splendor. Echoing the vestiges of traditional Filipino and modern Asian rhythm, without a doubt it will be a residence of celebrated intimacy. It shall be a destination and a sanctuary, a tribute to a Filipino modernist painter, an embracing cocoon for its residents.

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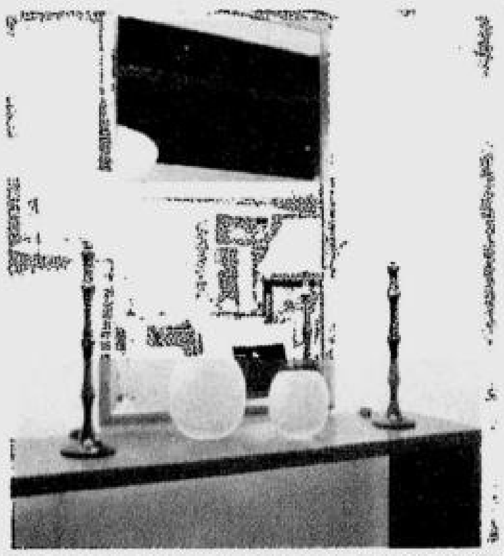
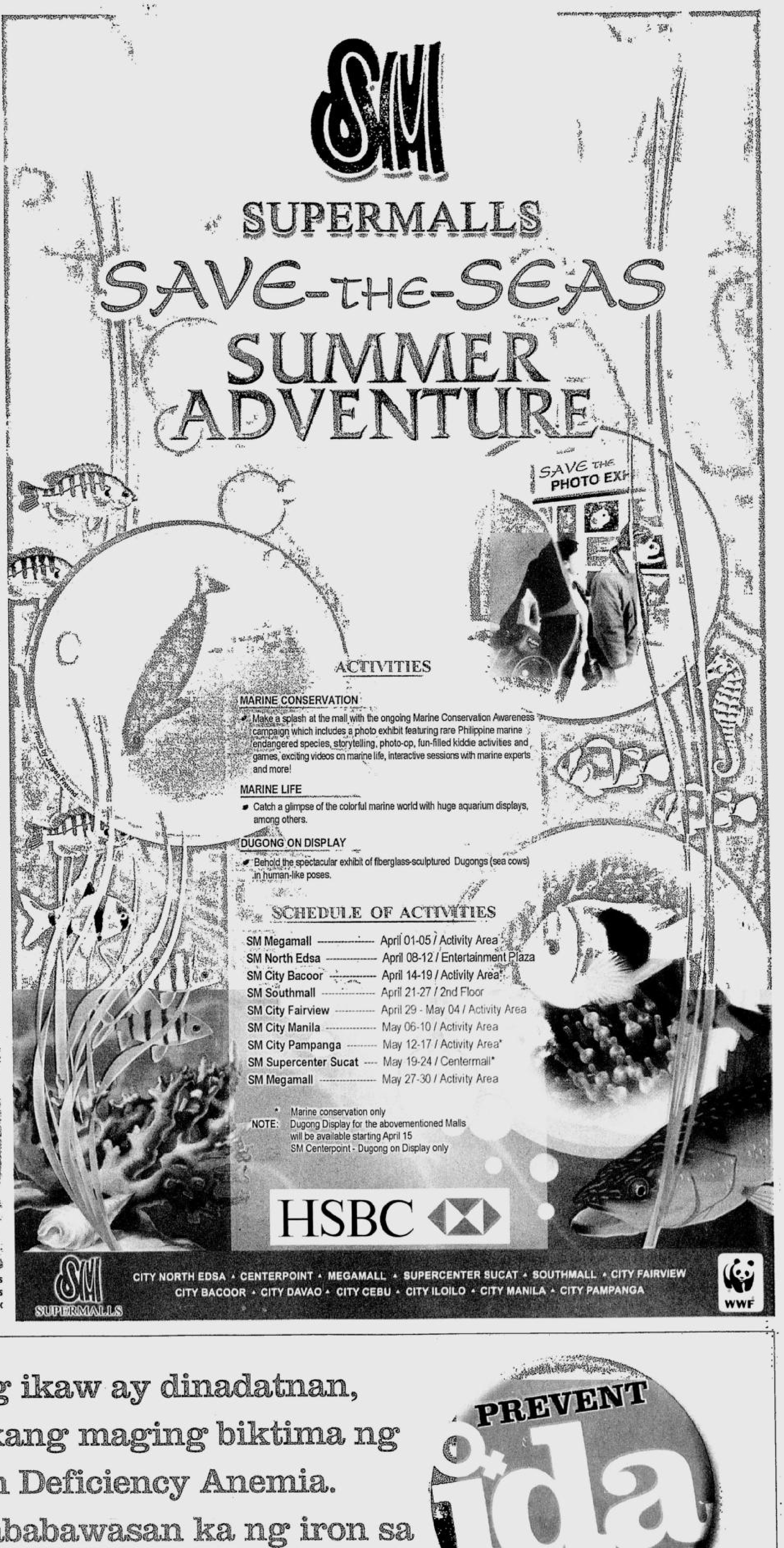


THE CHINESE bamboo form is traced in this pair of table-mounted lamps. Gracious is the simply crafted console table in dark wood finish.



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The launch started with cocktails at the reception area of the Makati Shangri-La's Rizal Ballroom, and was followed by a presentation featuring performers dressed in the national costumes of different countries. Dinner echoed the theme by offering specialties from Asian and continental countries.

Nina Aguas, Citibank consumer bank country business manager, said the new service sets a new benchmark for the industry.

Audiovisual presentations highlighted the features and benefits of the new CitiGold Wealth Management Banking program. Singer Robert Seña hosted the affair, which also featured dancers in business suits representing the CitiGold Wealth Management Team.

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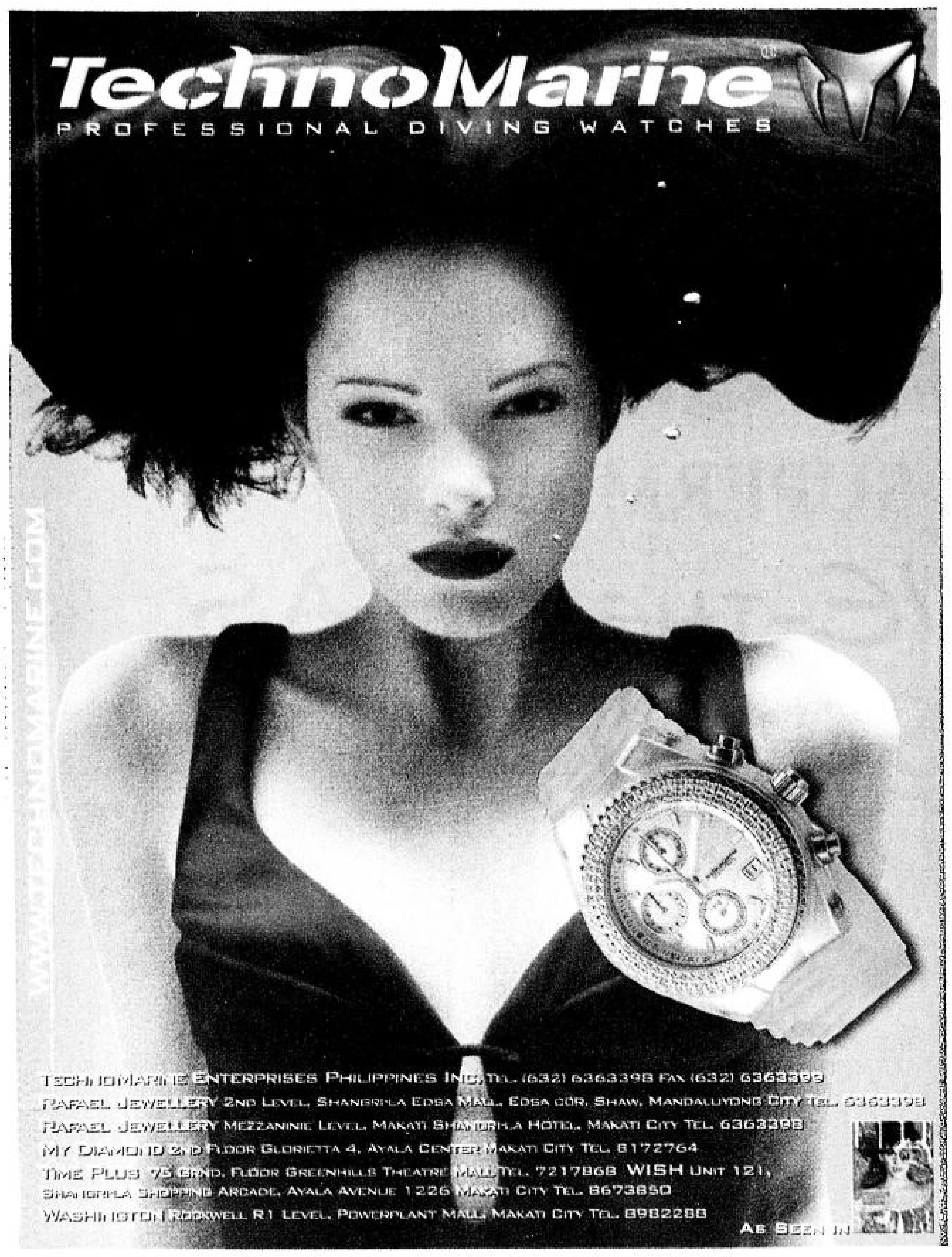
Among the Citibank top executives who attended the launch were branch managers Guada Ang, Nida Capistrano, Dawn Dacanay, Judith Go, Ailene Litonjua and Dindin Nakpil, investment consultant head Richmond Herrera and branch banking director Patrick Cheng.



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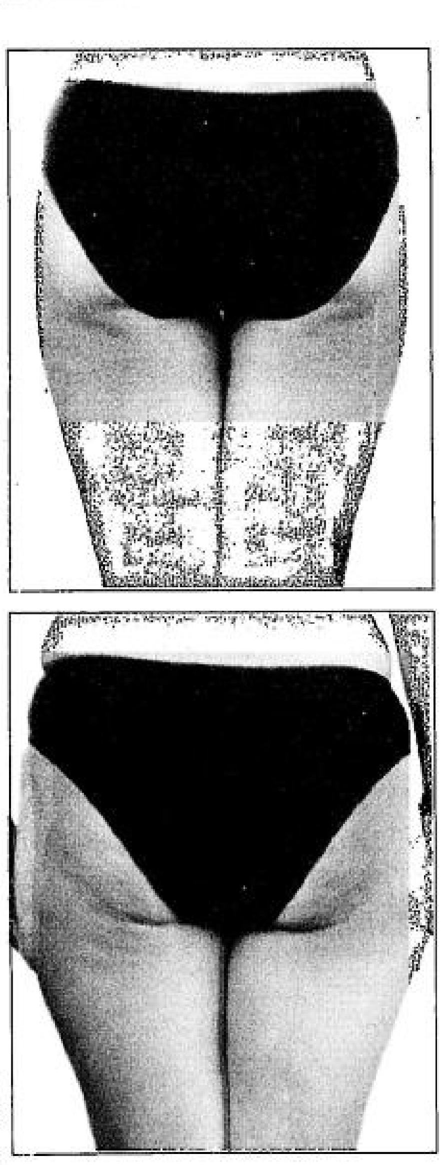

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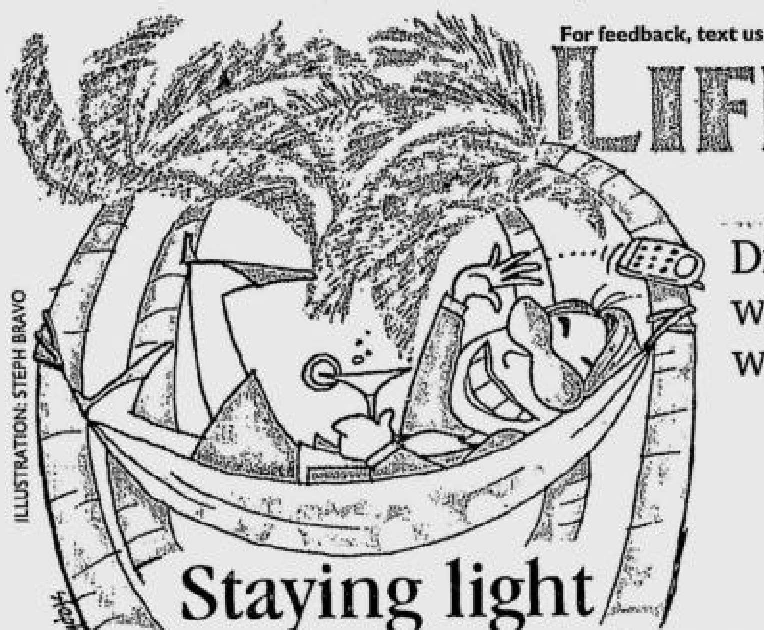

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Staying light in the summer of '02

Discovering places and new humans would have been a form of stress. Rather we stick to familiar places and faces

LIFE-STYLE

Thelma Sioson San Juan

EXCEPT for a celebrity death last week that I tackled, summer has been light and fluid. We've managed the heat, not only literally, I hope, and we've been spoiled to near catatonia by one long holiday after another, thanks to a government whose unique way to income and productivity is nonproductivity.

My summer of '02 wasn't about new discoveries, but about staying power—of people and places. For we didn't really trek unknown paths or headed for new destinations—having to discover places and new humans would have been a form of stress for me, but rather we stuck to familiar corners with familiar faces. Light and fluid, as I said, no excess baggage. And I think that's the summer '02 mood and mindset shared by many.

First was Shangri-La Mactan, which we did with media friends and bosom friends like **Mario Katigbak** whose Bvlgari staged a benefit night for Operation Second Chance, a project for out-of-school youths by Cebu's **Margot Osmeña**. It was Margot's and Mario's chic way of funneling Cebu's A-list society's surplus money into its almost delisted sector last February. And it worked—Mario's Bvlgari lines sold out and so did the tickets to the dinner show.

I loved **Jon Santos**' acts, particularly his take on **Kris Aquino**. Jon has always been known for his well-written scripts, but not many know the lengths to which Jon would go to prepare for his imitations, like he'd lose or gain weight just to be a lookalike of the celebrity in question.

The Bvlgari event flushed out Cebu's elite for a night of hobnobbing at the Shangri-La ballroom, to the satisfaction of its managing director for South Pacific **Mario Emprin Gilardini**. The morale-boosting presence of Mario's friends like **Elaine Ong** and **Millie Reyes** paid off.

Off-Bvlgari hours, I discovered **Anton San Diego**'s still-active forehand on the tennis court. Anton hadn't played in years but had to relent to me, and in turn I worked out with him in the gym—nice common sweat-out for us to keep each other company. Cebu's interior designer **James Jao**, a friend of **Donnie Ramirez**, would later send us its city pride—the guava cake.

Mid-Lent, we took a no-agenda trip to Subic with costaffers **Carlo Tadiar**, **Joseph Uy**, and friends like **Raffy Florencio** (Technomarine and Rafael's Jewellery), the deal being to leave our psychic baggage behind in the city. A workaholic Raffy, of course, who hadn't been on a holiday for years, couldn't leave work behind; he worked the cell phone even on the tennis court of Subic Yacht Club, trying to keep tabs of the construction in progress of his store at Shangri-La Plaza, and the business in his newly opened elegant store at the Makati Shangri-La. (Technomarine, by the way, continues to be a hot style symbol, with more new designs coming out this year for its sports watches, for its men and women, and diamond watches.)

Subic wasn't as packed as previous summers, though Royal Subic had a lot of good buys and shoppers. Its beachfront was coming alive with a resto row that was filling up with varied culinary attractions. Joined by our friend **Annie Ringor**, we enjoyed dining al fresco at Gerry's Grill, a decision we made on a whim. It was busy, busy, so that it took us 45 minutes to get our orders—a time well spent people-glancing, since the table next to ours had **Claudine Barretto** and her family (with, as the whole country knows by now, the talked-about friend, but it was nothing cozy, I swear).

There we met up with **Albert Garcia**, the 31-year-old mayor of Balanga, Bataan. Chatting with Albert gave you a sliver of hope that perhaps this country is not going to the dogs after all. A graduate of De La Salle, Albert belongs to a fresh crop of politicians out to run their turfs the way a progressive businessman or entrepreneur would run his venture. It was under his watch that Balanga became a city, and it's now held up as a model city among the country's mayors. And—this while he continues to dig Linkin Park (which Raffy and I suffered in Albert's SUV).

The great "de-angstyfier," however, was the energizing sail around Subic on the sleek 23-footer of another thirtysomething entrepreneur, **Goody Ilagan**. The forest and the so-accessible waters remain Subic's edge over

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The Tyler style

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Photos by Patrick Uy

BARELY six months in operation, Tyler has discovered a formula that has struck a chord with its consumers.

No, it's neither a bridge collection by Australian designer Richard Tyler nor a tribute to actress Liv Tyler. It's a modest store in Glorietta 4 near Runtan's that gives consumers the free-spirited clothes they're looking for. Tyler is owned by Republic Retailers, and the designer that draws customers is Jesus Emmanuel Lloren.

"Tyler caters to the trendy market. The company wants to provide them with clothes seen in the fashion magazines but are not locally available," says Lloren.

It's got a success formula. The customer wears interpretations of the current fashions at a fraction of the price. After all, the clothes are made in the Philippines, but made under strict quality control. The accessories are modestly priced that the customer could chuck them in for new ones after a couple of months—without any guilt. With prices ranging from P900 to P2,000 and Spanish-made shoes for less than P3,000, the shelves get wiped out quickly.

Unexpected

"The reception was unexpected. We had no budget for publicity. People knew the store just by word of mouth," says Lloren. Tyler opened in November and by mid-December some 90 percent of the stock had been sold out.

Lloren says the challenge is to replenish the stock immediately. He admits that it takes more time because of the fastidiousness and the attention to detail required in making the clothes. If the subcontractors or manufacturers don't get the style right, the team goes back to the drawing board.

Tyler is a collaboration between Lloren, merchandising manager Leah Bautista and general manager Eman Bautista. The team has vowed to be uncompromising about their standards. If one member remarks, "*Puede na*," after garment inspection, they remind themselves by saying, "Remember our commitment!"

Lloren himself is no stranger to ready-to-wear. He has been producing corporate clothes for Robinsons Department Store under his name to supplement his made-to-measure orders. He says the Jojie Lloren label has been posting positive growth because the customers like the fit and quality. There's no conflict with his label and Tyler because the former presents a no-nonsense approach to dressing in the workplace. Tyler, in contrast, is fun and faddish. Customers are attracted to the unique shades of the fabrics and the clean finish. Lloren adds that the clothes offer interesting details.

For summer, Tyler's forecast is titled the "Piña Colada" collection, featuring ruffles, white shirts, wide-legged trousers for men, and warm colors. "We want to get away from the usual spaghetti-strapped clothes and introduce new cuts and layering. These pieces can be worn after summer and can go from resort wear to cocktails," he says.

The banner piece is a madras plaid ensemble in yellows and greens.

When schools open, the store will feature the "University Collection," consisting of stripes and patches. *Marge C. Enriquez*

SHE wears a peasant top and easy skirt. He wears linens.

MODELS: KATHERINE SANCHEZ
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LAYER IT. Katherine wears a crop top over a white blouse and flounced skirt. Joel wears a white shirt and drawstring pants.

LONG-SLEEVED shirt, P11,300, from Paul Smith

GREEN corduroy jacket, P8,750

SLEEVELESS collared shirt, P995, from Rhett Eala

LIGHT blue and white polka-dotted skirt with denim waistband, P5,650, from Paul Smith

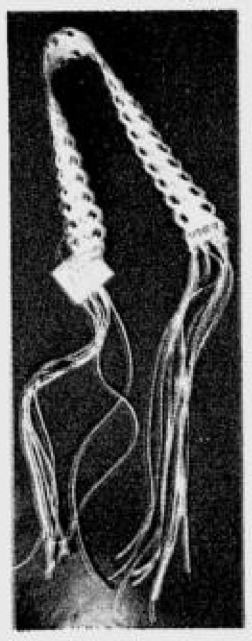
ITEMS FROM PAUL SMITH, 3/F SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL, MANDALUYONG CITY;
AND RHETT EALA, G/F LIFESTYLES WING, POWER PLANT MALL, ROCKWELL, MAKATI CITY

Stripes of summer

In the summer concrete jungle, stripes take their place

By Camille Cruz-Reyes
Contributor
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

WE have probably made our trip down to paradise lately, so bikinis are not the issue anymore. It's back to life in the concrete jungle. Take it from Paul Smith. Wear what is simple. Vertical stripes are still new, but they can be worn as casual. Versatility is always the key when it comes to stripes, which work well for both men and women.



WHITE suede fringed belt, P1,250, from Rhett Eala

To complement a striped shirt, choose from the shirt's color family. Going simple is good but going too simple isn't always safe. Throwing on a thick suede white belt with fringes over your skirt may be great style.

A shirt dress may be difficult to wear for those who do not want to look like they are in a night shirt. But it's great to play around with. Accessorize it with a loose-fitting thick belt right at the hips. Or wear it open, only buttoned from the waist down; with a bright colored tank top inside. Another option is to wear a fitted T-shirt over the dress to create a rebellious style. For a hip feel, you may wear knee-high white or high-heeled beige boots.

For a playful look, you may wear a striped shirt under a colorful denim jacket and pair it with nice shorts. This may seem a bit warm so make sure the fabric is light.

Diesel has a nice pair of striped flared pants that gives jeans a new look. You may wear it with a knee-length biased skirt and your favorite fitted tee or shirt. Other stores carry striped tops such as Esprit and 1:15.

WHITE shirt with garden scene hand-painted, P5,750, from Paul Smith

Stripes extend to neckties as well. Men can easily wear them with plain dress shirts. Those from Hugo Boss, for example, are diagonally striped. Some are pastel-colored. Some are a light metallic mixture of pastel greens or coral undertones that pair very well with your favorite blue or white shirt. Neckties in polka dots are also fresh for the season.

The striped shirts of Hugo Boss are basic. Other variations like the semi-double-striped and the thin colorful ones are an alternative to the classics. Their simplicity is neat, manageable and very handsome.

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SHIRT dress, P14,600;
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An American restaurant that caught the 'heart and stomach' of Pinoys

BURGOO has firmly established itself as a well-known eating destination for the family.

Consistency in food and service is Burgoo's approach to a successful restaurant business. Now the famed family food destination opens a third branch at the Podium today.

By Raquel P. Gomez
Photographs by Romy Homillada

SUCCESS and staying power seem hard to measure in the restaurant business, which is as shaky as the country's economic condition. Restaurants come and go, set up new gimmicks, reinvent themselves, or go as far as putting up star-studded entertainment evenings just to draw in the crowds.

One restaurant, though, doesn't have to go through all that to draw in crowds. Burgoo, the popular American bar and restaurant established by a Filipino couple in 1999, has stuck to one formula that still continues to draw in people to the top grade food and service it offers.

The key to Burgoo's flourishing existence is consistency—not only with the food and service—but with all the components of what a good dining experience should be.

This consistency has made Burgoo a thriving and living enterprise. Proof is the opening of the restaurant's third branch today at the posh Podium Mall in Ortigas Center. Two other branches have already established successful niches in Tomas Morato in Quezon City and PowerPlant Mall in Makati City.

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THE extra ingredient to the success of Burgoo is "consistency" in service to customers and a breathtaking ambiance.

lunch or dinner. And yuppies and entertainers spend a great deal here to relax and unwind after work.

The start of a restaurant named after an American stew came as a matter of faith, according to Albert Alavera, managing director at Burgoo.

Alavera was then in the United States, having left his job in a top restaurant here. But he was unhappy.

He prayed a novena, to ask for a sign that a job back home would come along. A call came from Tita Santos Rodriguez, a restaurateur, who asked him to open a new restaurant in the country.

"I had already met Rodriguez in 1991, but it was a casual meeting. It was her son Martin who I met at Sbarro Megamall in November of 1997 who took my number and address in the United States when I told him I was going there to settle down. In December, I received a call from Rodriguez. It was a sign," says Alavera.

Alavera still didn't know the kind of restaurant to put up, but he was excited at the prospect of working in the country again.

"I first conceptualized an Italian restaurant, but we ended up putting up an American restaurant. Since I trained in the United States, I got everything there, including the recipes."

Alavera got the name "Burgoo" from an American menu book. The term "burgoo" refers to a type of stew from Kentucky.

"We opened Burgoo in 1999 in Tomas Morato. We were the first American restaurant to open in the strip. People were lining up, and soon other restaurants followed us there."

Rodriguez, on the other hand, seemed to have a lucky hand in the restaurant business. She and husband Vivencio, an architect, started in the food business by putting up a bakeshop in their home in Kamuning, Quezon City. Then for a while, the couple shelved the food business, and went abroad with the children. They came back, however, and entered the restaurant franchise business, opening several Shakey's and later Sbarro outlets.

From the success of these franchises, the couple decided to start their own restaurant, Burgoo, an American-inspired restaurant conceptualized by Alavera.

Though totally a Filipino invention, Burgoo boasts of a menu list that's absolutely American in preparation and taste. Alavera says people keep coming back to Burgoo for "the food, service and ambiance."

"We offer a menu that's really about value for money. Customers get big servings at a very reasonable price."

Burgoo started with only 45 entries in the menu card, which included pasta, salad, burgers and steaks. The menu list is now 75 with the addition of pizza, seafood, grilled ribs and chops, sandwiches, and more desserts and appetizers.

Alavera reveals the extra ingredient to the success of Burgoo is the restaurant's "consistency" in service to customers.

"Our mission statement is to deliver a memorable event in the lives of our guests by providing them with the best attention in terms of service, quality food, value for money and cleanliness in the restaurant. That I believe, is why we're in the market for a long time."

Burgoo in The Podium, which adopts a very "eclectic" design (friendly and refreshing interior colors, neat lines and no clutter) can seat 220 people and provides a breathtaking view of the cityscape of the Ortigas Center, especially during the night.

"Burgoo is a modern American restaurant. We're known as an American family restaurant," says Alavera.

As a restaurant catering to the family, Burgoo has deliberately "un-highlighted" the bar and "tamed" the menu names in the bar list. So you can't find cocktails with sexual connotations.

Burgoo even has the tables covered with paper and provided with crayons for children, as well as adults, to draw and write with.

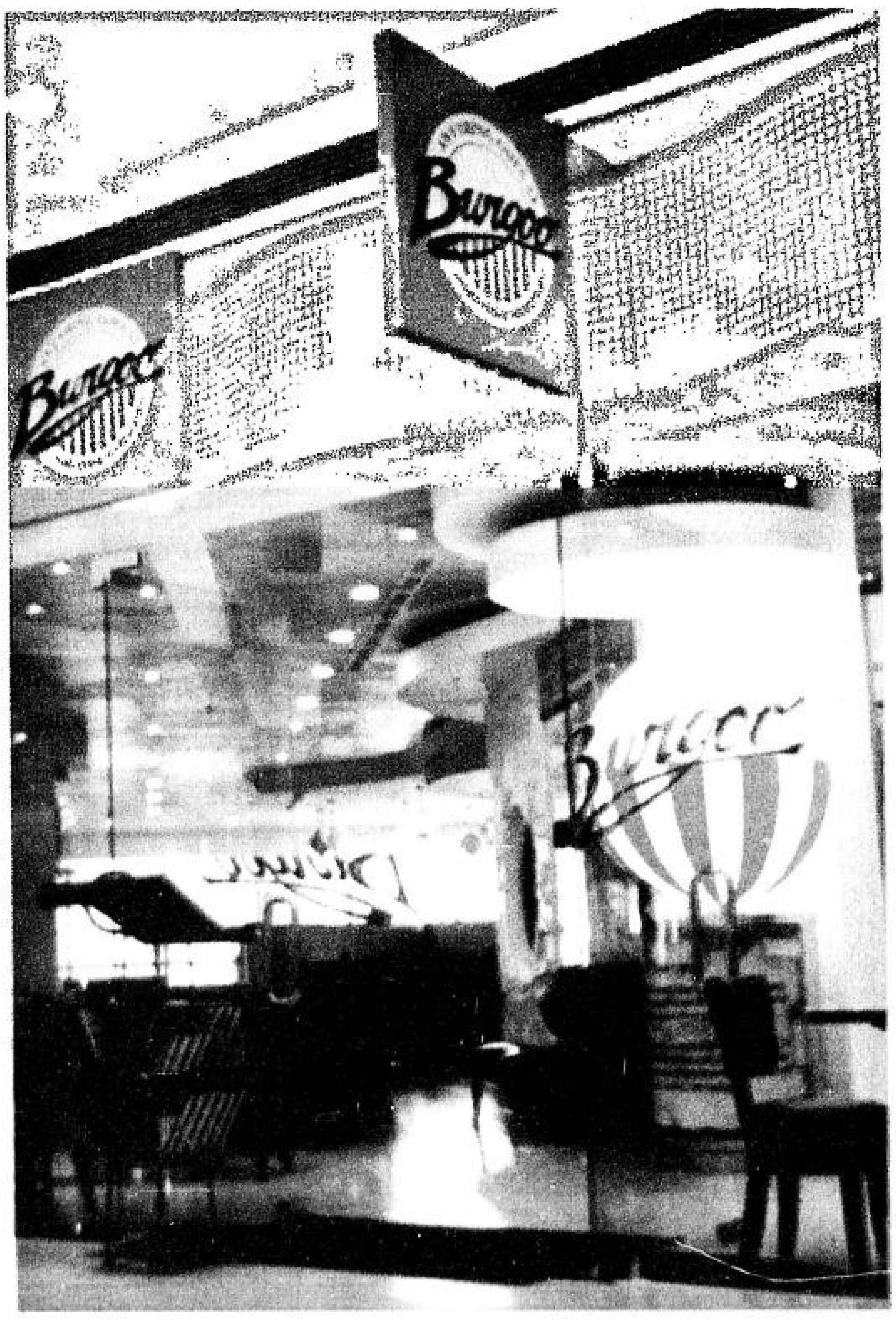
Alavera says Burgoo's frequent customer is painter Mauro Malang, who has the habit of drawing on the table while waiting for his order.

Sometimes Malang would leave his sketches to Burgoo, which makes Alavera feel proud.

But the thing which Alavera takes most pride in is Burgoo's ability to capture the hearts and stomachs of Filipinos.

"To taste is to believe. Come to Burgoo to enjoy," says Alavera.

BURGOO'S management staff with the board of directors



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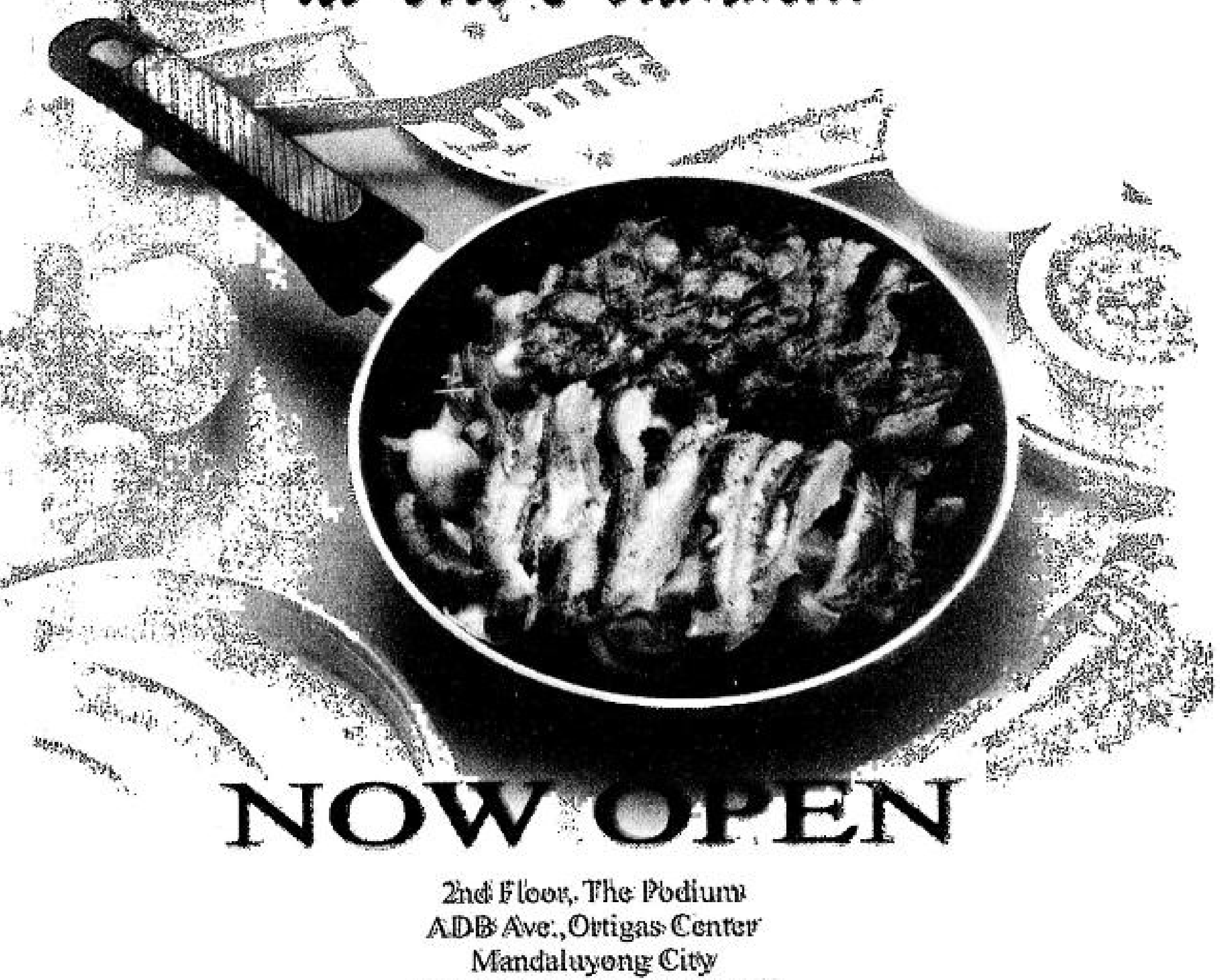

OPHIOPOGON "lace grass" softens the stone pathway.

The summer getaway garden

A landscape architect's garden in Tagaytay beautifully puts one over blistering summer

By Adrian Lizares
Contributor
Photos by Chito Vecina
PICTORIAL CONCEPT BY ALBERT AVELLANA

BECAUSE of the blistering heat, summer is not a great time to start a garden. There's a lot of watering to do, and with all the talk about conserving water, what is one to do?

To save water, use a watering can. It will give your arms a workout. You may also get a water hose with a shut-off valve so you can drag the thing along. If you have a lawn, a sprinkler will work. You may also just allow the grass to get a little bit brown until the rain comes.

Delightful

One windy day, I set off to visit one of my friends in Tagaytay. Popo San Pascual, a painter, took me to the garden of his sister Mariquit and her husband Jan Imperio, a landscape architect. The property seemed to stretch for miles. It was a brief but delightful stroll.

How one transforms land into garden depends on many factors, such as planning and money. But time is a key factor.

Jan and Mariquit have been building their garden for the past three years now. Little by little, they have acquired plants from Popo (who has a rather wild garden) and Jan's mother, herself a garden aficionado. We sit under the pergola trading garden stories.

Their garden is built around ideas and concepts. It is also built around their three children's need for open space to frolic and to commune with nature. Jan tells me that the many different areas of the gardens have evolved as a result of frustration. Being a creative landscape architect, he had loads of fresh ideas that were not realized in certain commissions. So he tried to realize them in his own garden.

Architect's handiwork

You can see it is the work of an architect: there are circles, planes, parallel lines of different dimensions that make Jan's garden a personal reflection of himself.

Jan thrives in experimentation. The circular dais replete with a round pond, the borders and plants that mimic the simple geometry of the circle—they were built with the use of plumb line, mortar and brick. I can imagine the thought processes being purified by the actual working out of this formation. It could very well be the garden mantra for these do-it-yourself days.

The area that Jan calls the Teletubby patch is excess earth that he created as a rumpus area for his kids to roll about. The same goes for the Pot Man. What should one do with all these excess pots? Found objects, too, have a role in this garden as they are all melded for useful or whimsical purposes. They become benches, plant boxes and what have you.

Jan and his wife are now building a bigger gazebo that they hope will become a small outdoor café. This area is surrounded by plants, and herbs that could become one day the watercress soup, the basil-and-squash-seed pesto, or the dill and other fragrant ingredients that sautée the fresh Taal Lake fish.

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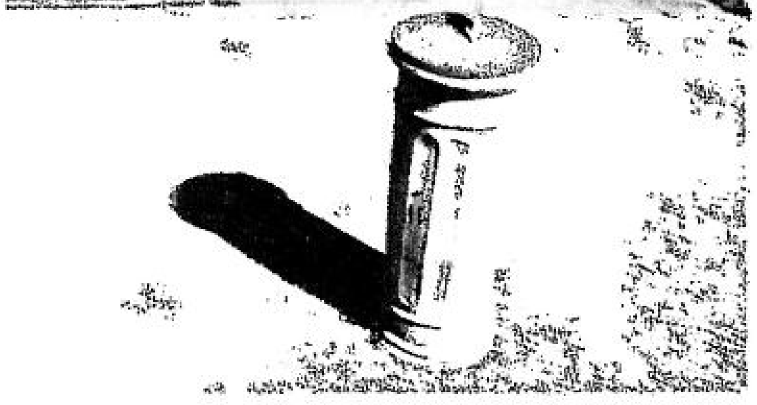
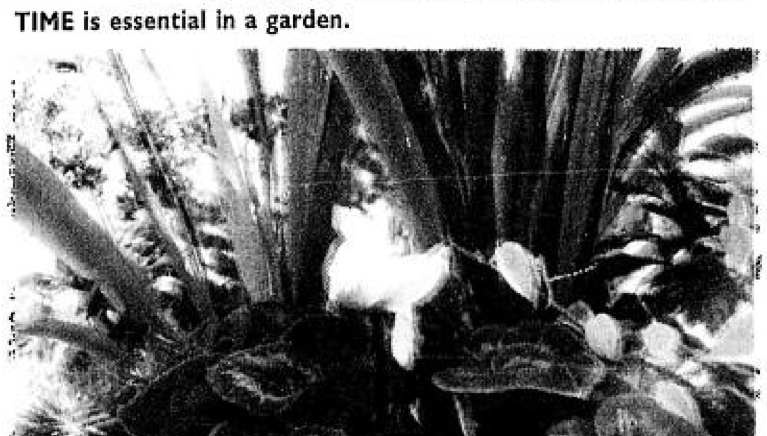


TIME is essential in a garden.



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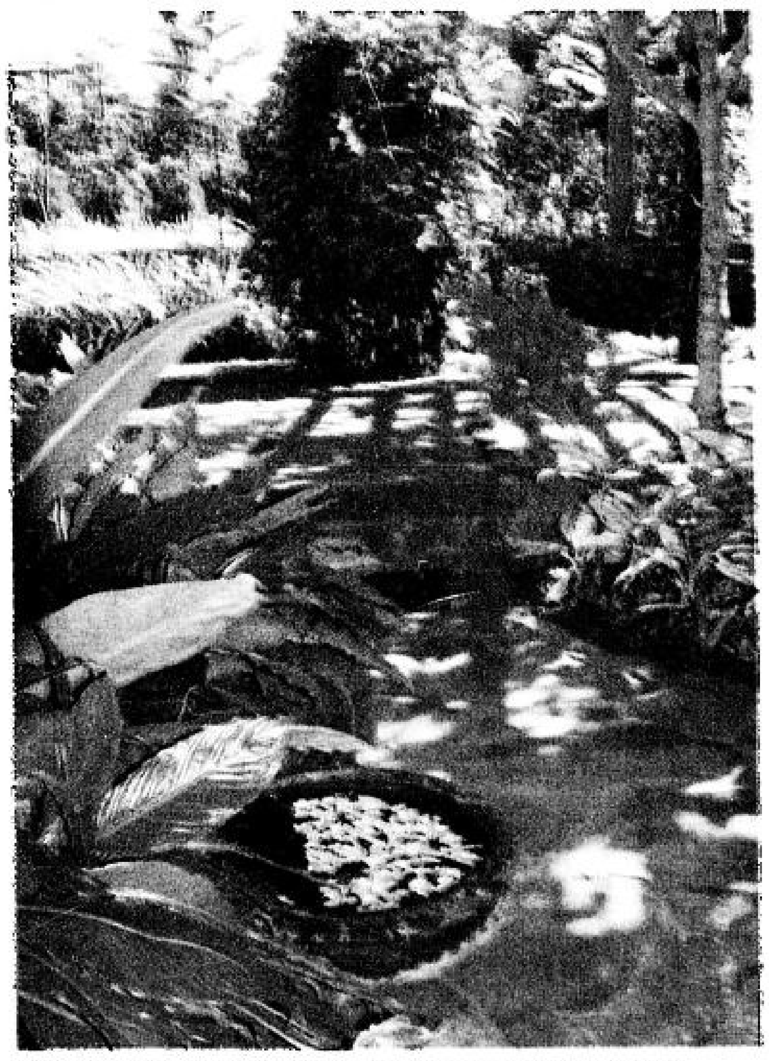
THUNBERGIA vine makes a flowery totem pole.



SHADE with a water feature can cool one for the summer.

JAN'S handmade creations

THE STRELIZIA nikolai's bloom

RED gypsy basic top, denim pants, chain belt and denim eyelet club bag from Topshop

British fashion retailer opens 2nd shop

TOPSHOP, the United Kingdom's leading high-street fashion retailer, opened recently its second shop in the Philippines at Robinsons Galleria.

The new branch features Topshop's latest collection that consists of mesh gypsy dress, tunic top with folkloric embroidery and shirred front top that can be worn with patch or eyelet Ria jeans or laced-up denim pants. The outfits can be complemented with a denim eyelet club bag or a trendy belt. Topshop's clientele, which includes celebrities like TV host-model-actress Angel Aquino, are people who like to be stylish but want to make their own fashion statement.

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MOPPET Castro (second from left) and Carlo Valencia (center) of Lifestyle Exponents together with Keds models

Fashion show launches summer shoes

KEDS, the world's first sneakers, showcased recently four of its top sellers during the launch of its summer collection.

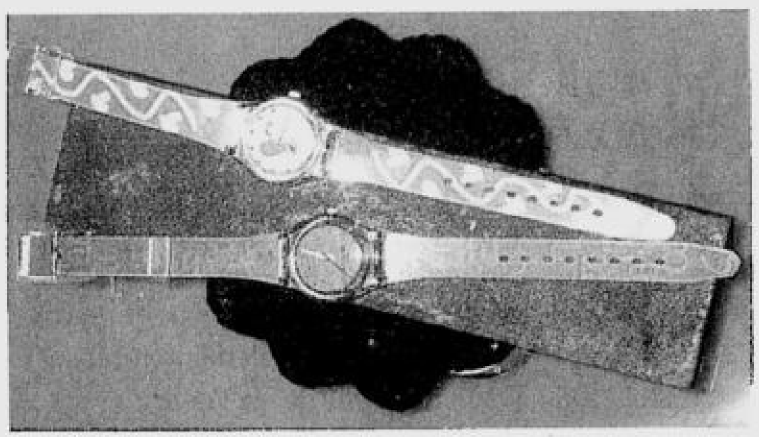
A fashion show that teamed the free-spirited footwear with Urban & Co. basics and Minerva Body Wear, highlighted four fun ways to go everywhere with the shoes. Keds Original features the classic Champion Oxford in ultra-comfy lace-ups, slip-ons and totally ready-to-wash leather.

Keds Relax is available as Keds Stretch (a total stretch experience from the twill upper to the laces) or Keds PureFit (with unique arch support that molds to the foot). The updated model comes in hot summer colors—white, super blue, maggot indigo, red and sand.

For summer, try Keds Casuals Sandals, convertible sandals that allow the heel to be adjusted up or down and feature a nifty compartment for keeping keys and cash. The sandals come in celestial blue, tomato red and black.

Keds shoes, exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Lifestyle Exponents Inc. (tel. 631-1684), are available at SM, Robinsons, Landmark, Cinderella and Planet Sports.

Other sponsors of the Keds show held at Wasabi restaurant were Robert Girbaud Merlot and Piandre Salon for men and women.



Hip watches at cool prices

STAY cool this summer with Got Time? watches. Designed with the hip and trendy in mind, Got Time? greets the season with the new Potpourri line which has floral-inspired patterns.

Got Time? collection is available at Cinderella-Megamall, Cinderella-Glorietta and Cinderella-Robinsons Place.

Staying light . . .

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other nearby destinations. It's a vast well-preserved nature balanced with good infrastructure. Sailing swatted the cobwebs off your mind, with your face willfully standing in the way of the wind and the waves, and baking under the burning sky. Even Raffy's cell phone couldn't grab the hour. We stopped intermittently for Carlo to snorkel, hoping that his own cobwebs were washed away likewise.

If Subic gave us the young noontime sun, Clark gave us the dying sun, weeks later. It was a rare Sunday when INQUIRER's **Mrs. M** agreed not to ignore the lure of the out-of-town (okay, my nagging reminder), so with **Nancy Carvajal** and Carlo (again) in tow, we hied off to Clark's by-now popular destination, the Yats International Wine Club and its nearby Clearwater Country Club.

After a late lunch at the Wine Club (the superb quality of which Carlo will write about in the next few weeks), Mrs. M agreed to a "quick" tour of Clearwater, the briefness of which turned into a relaxing, stimulating tete-a-tete on the deck of the Club's Vin Café.

Clearwater is so man-made—but only in the speed of its completion and its planning, not in its mood. Its builders respected its age-old trees and the topography of its 16-hectare land, but carved lakes in the vast open space. Soon villas will be built in some areas. While it will have swimming and a few sports, its lifestyle concept goes against the frenetic '80s stream that's still the vogue. Believing that today's people are out to de-stress when away from the city, it's bringing "relaxation" back to its basic meaning—which is just that, relax, not do anything. So its design concept is meant not to pump your adrenaline into extreme-active sports, but to calm you into a restful state. Like, think reading or emptying your mind under the trees. In short, perfect for the likes of editors whose idea of calm is the funeral of the competition (besides pesky politicians).

So it was in this wide open space of calm, with the unimpeded vista of trees under the weakening blue of the sky, that we took our places on the café deck.

The Wine Club chef **Chris Locher** laid out on the board the cheeses that made Carlo's mouth water—Stilton, Manchego, Bleu d'avignon, Tilsit—as the Yats' COO **Denny Wang** served a vintage port, Quinta do noval nacional vintage 1975. This Yats' head is passionate about an advocacy that for now is novel to Metro Manila wine lifestyle. To him it's like a wave, a tsunami, in fact, that should sweep the metropolis the way it did Singapore, HK and Tokyo—the lifestyle where the selection of wine defines not only the meal or the occasion, but also the relationship or bonding born of such partaking. In that way does it go beyond the science and history of wine, to which many avowed connoisseurs have been confined so far.

That afternoon, the vintage port must have defined the peaks and lows of the conversation. Carlo brought up the headline on the intensifying Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As the sun began to dip behind the tree branches splayed before us, Mrs. M. turned to Mr. Wang and asked the Hong Kong-born executive: "Do you believe in God?"

An editor can't really get too relaxed, even on vintage port.

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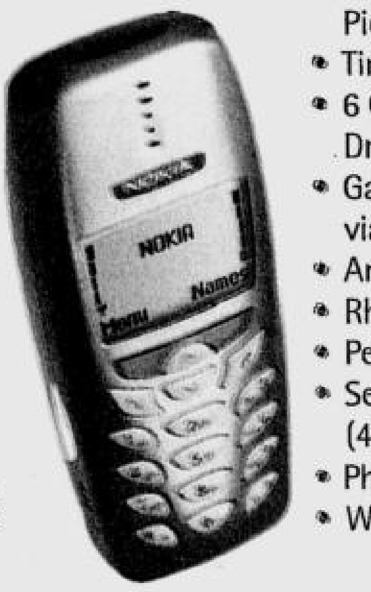

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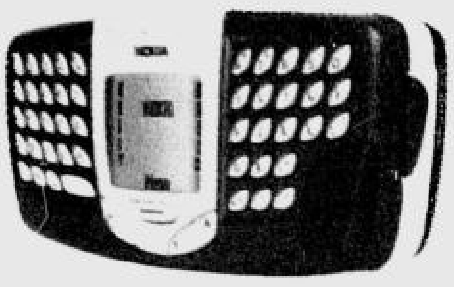

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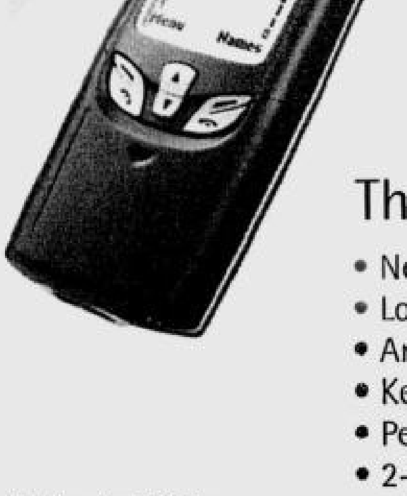

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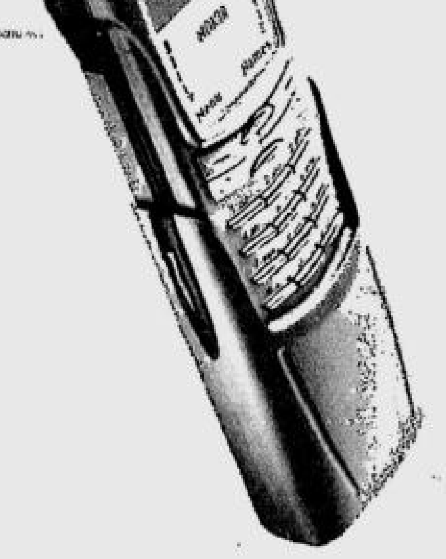

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- 84 x 48 White Display with Contrast Control
- Dynamic Memory for up to:
  - 500 names with up to 3 numbers per name
  - 150 text messages or 150 Calendar Notes
- Animated Profile Logo: Analog or Digital Clock
- Bluetooth Support for Headsets and Car Kits
- To Do List, Stopwatch, Countdown Timer, Voice Recorder, Voice Commands & Dialling

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